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Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 15.

The comments on Gen. GRANT's speech and on Cabinet matters still continue. The politicians and office-seekers who have gathered here for the past few weeks, in the hope that they might learn something which would enable them to make their arrangements in advance, are a greatly disgusted set of people. Three weeks more of disconsolate waiting and high board bills is a heavy load for them.

Gen. GRANT, however, is not quite so reluctant in talking about men named for Cabinet positions as many suppose, but he chooses a very discreet class of men as his interlocs. He remarked in conversation at his own house on Saturday evening, in commenting upon some speculation of the newspapers, that there would be no two men in the Cabinet from the same State, nor any man who did not give a thorough support to the Government during the war, nor any man who had not thoroughly sympathized with the spirit that had preserved the Government since the war. As a result of some recent discussions of names for Cabinet positions it may be said that certain persons heretofore prominently mentioned by the Press will not be included in the selection. Among these are CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, J. LOTHROP MOTLEY, HENRY WILSON and B. F. WADE. Gen. GRANT speaks highly of many gentlemen in his conversations, but he gives no indication of his decisions.

A very large amount of business accumulated at headquarters during the recent absence of the General-in-Chief, and since his return he has been devoting constant attention to all matters requiring his personal supervision. Large numbers of visitors, both gentlemen and ladies, call daily at headquarters, mainly for the purpose of paying their respects to Gen. GRANT, but unless they call between the hours in the forenoon set apart by the General for the reception of visitors, the desired interviews are not obtained. Among the callers on Gen. GRANT this morning was Senator MORTON.

THE ISTHMUS CANAL TREATY.

The treaty made by Gen. CUSHING with the Government of Columbia, concedes to the United States the exclusive right to construct an interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Darien, at any point which may be selected by the United States. The Columbian Government cedes six miles of land on each side of the canal—one-half for its own benefit, and the other for that of the party undertaking the construction of the work. The Columbian Government is to receive ten per cent. of the net income for the first ten years, and after the canal is paid for, twenty-five per cent. of the net profits; the treaty to be ratified by the United States within ten months; the surveys to be made within two years after the ratification; the canal begun within five years, and finished within fifteen years after the ratification, otherwise the charter fails. The charter runs for 100 years. The canal is to be under the control of the United States, and Congress can fix the rate of tolls. The navigation is to be open to all nations in time of peace, but closed to belligerents who may seek to avail themselves of its advantages. It is estimated that the canal will cost $200,000,000. A company was not long ago organized in New-York, under a charter of that State, with PETER COOPER as President. It is said on distinguished authority that this company has the capital and is ready to commence the work. Congress, however, is at liberty to give the preference to this or to any other private company, or the United States can itself undertake the construction of the canal.

THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

The Constitutional Suffrage Amendment went to a Conference Committee to-day, the House refusing to concur in the Senate's amendments. Though Mr. BINGHAM made a very decided attempt to accomplish that result, he was largely outvoted. Judge WOODWARD made a point of order that a constitutional amendment was extraordinary legislation, not a mere matter of fact and detail, and was therefore not a proper matter for a conference committee. The point was feasible, viewed in the light of public policy, but under the custom and the rules based upon the provision of the Constitution providing how that instrument shall be amended, the Speaker overruled the point of order, and the reference was made.

THE MINISTER TO CHILI.

Judge LOUIS DEAS, nominated by the President as Minister to Chili, in place of Gen. KILPATRICK, has written a letter to Senator SUMNER, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, stating that the appointment was unsolicited by him, that he does not want it, and asking that it be rejected. There are some people who believe that the hand of BUTLER is visible in this peculiar appointment.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

The House to-day was wholly occupied with privileged questions and the unfinished business of Saturday. The Bank bill never came to the surface at all. First, there was Mr. JULIAN's resolution declaring that no more public lands be disposed of except to actual settlers, which was sent back to the Committee; then Mr. BROOKS thrust the refractory New-York witness, SCANNELL, in the face of the House again, in a communication which the House decided disrespectful, and for offering which Mr. BROOKS was refused permission to proceed even in order. Then Gen. BANKS tried to get an evening session to talk about St. Domingo, but failed for want of a two-thirds majority. Then JOHN D. YOUNG, of Kentucky, who gave a gun to a rebel soldier and was ousted from his seat for disloyalty, and SAMUEL MCKEE elected in his place by the House, was voted $2,000 for his expenses, in spite of the opposition of Mr. MCKEE. Then the rules were suspended, so as to give evening sessions after to-morrow night for appropriation bills to come up, after the House is through with Mr. SCHENCK's Tax bill. Next the Constitutional Amendment went to a Conference Committee, and Messrs. WILSON and PETERS, from the Committee to wait on Gen GRANT and COLFAX, reported that duty performed and presented the responses of the elect, after which a bill from the Reconstruction Committee, "authorized to report at any time," removing disabilities from a large number of repentant rebels, was reported by Gen. PAINE, on which the House talked in a spirited manner until the hour for recess.

A REPORT ON ORDNANCE.

The report of the Joint Committee on Ordnance, made in the Senate to-day by Mr. HOWARD, condemns both the Rodman system of gun-making, adopted in the army, and the Dahlgren system, which is used in the navy. These systems, the report says, while partially successful with smoothbores, have uniformly failed on rifles. Several of the Rodman guns have burst spontaneously while being finished in the foundries. The Committee recommend that no more of them be purchased, but that experiments be made to determine upon some more reliable system of fabrication. The failure to secure better guns heretofore the Committee attribute to the fact, that officers have been gun inventors, and have secured by their influence the adoption of their inventions without regard to merit. The report is accompanied by a bill which places all experiments and the selection of arms for both army and navy in the hands of an Ordnance Commission, to be composed of three army and two navy officers, and two civilians eminent for their attainments on the subject. The bill abolishes the Ordnance Department of the army by merging it in the artillery. This report assumes unusual importance in view of the fact that the Ordnance Department has asked for appropriations to purchase over 1,000 heavy guns made on the Rodman plan, for armament of the fortifications.

PRINTING CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. ELA, of the Committee on Printing, will introduce the following bill to-morrow, if possible, providing for the transfer of the printing and publishing of the Congressional Globe to the Government printing office:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Congressional printer be and is hereby directed to cause the proceedings and debates of each House of Congress to be reported and printed daily as they occur, and two copies thereof to be furnished to each member of each House; and the House of Representatives, one of which shall be deposited in the Post Office in season to be distributed with the morning mail to members, and the others to be placed on file with the doorkeeper of each House for the use of members.

SEC. 2. That in addition to the above there shall be printed in form suitable for binding, all such proceedings and debates, to be called "The Congressional Record," which shall be substantially bound in volumes of convenient size, and each volume to be paged and indexed; copies to be sold at not less than cost, and 1,000 copies to be distributed to each Senator, Representative, Delegate and Resident Commissioner, and 1,500 copies to the House of Representatives, for the use of their respective members.

SEC. 3. Any person desiring a copy of the daily reports of proceedings and debates, may purchase the same and have it mailed by sending the cost in advance to the Congressional printer, and any person desiring any number of copies of any document or speech printed in the Congressional record, may purchase of the Congressional printer at cost, exclusive of composition; provided, however, that when extra copies may be given previous to distributing the type upon which said documents or speeches may be printed, but in no case shall the type be used for any other purpose than upon the order of one of both Houses of Congress.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The receipts of revenue from whisky are falling off again, owing to the discovery of new methods of fraud, by which the new law is evaded. The price has fallen from 85 to 70 cents, while the tax is 50, and the old state of things is again promised. The new Administration is looked forward to with more interest in revenue circles than anywhere else, and the immediate appointment by Gen. GRANT of a Commissioner of Internal Revenue is looked upon as far more necessary than the immediate appointment of a Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. ROLLINS is anxious to retire at the earliest possible moment, and it is understood that he has urged upon Gen. GRANT the prompt selection of his successor. The two names most prominently mentioned for the position in public circles are District-Attorney TRACY, of New-York, and Congressman DELANO, of Ohio.

THANKS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

President JOHNSON vetoed a bill a few days ago, transferring the superintendence of the colored schools from the Interior Department to the corporate authorities. For this resolutions of thanks to him have been passed by the different colored churches, and memorials are to be presented to Congress against any further legislation in that direction.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 15.

REMOVAL OF THE BODY OF HAROLD.

On Saturday afternoon, Rev. J. VAUGHN LEWIS, of the St. John's Episcopal Church, made application to President JOHNSON in behalf of the mother and sister of DAVID E. HAROLD, who was executed with Mrs. SURRATT, PAYNE and ATZEROTT, July 6, 1865, for HAROLD's remains, and the order was immediately given. The order was placed in the hands of Mr. JOSEPH GAWLER, undertaker, who presented it to the Commandant at the Arsenal, Gen. RAILEY, and a detail of men was made, who soon dug to the box containing the remains, lying between the cases containing the remains of PAYNE and ATZEROTT, and they were delivered to Mr. GAWLER, who at once took them to his establishment on Pennsylvania-avenue. The top of the case was found to have decayed and fallen in. The body was removed from the pine case and placed in a fine walnut coffin, ornamented with silver handles and screws, with a plate on the breast inscribed "DAVID HAROLD, aged 25 years." The flesh has entirely disappeared, the skeleton only remaining; but the clothing appeared to be in a fine state of preservation. A pillal, containing a parchment slip with the name of the deceased, was found in the box and handed to his mother. The coffin containing the remains was removed in a hearse to-day at 12 o'clock from Mr. GAWLER's establishment to the Congressional Cemetery, where it was met by the mother and five sisters of the deceased, and Rev. J. VAUGHN LEWIS, the pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church. It was immediately removed to the grave prepared for it, which is in the old portion of the cemetery, about thirty feet south of the monument of the Indian Chief Pushmataha, and adjoining the grave of the father of deceased. A crown of flowers was placed upon the coffin by one of HAROLD's sisters, and the funeral services of the Episcopal Church were performed by Rev. Mr. LEWIS, after which the coffin was lowered and grave filled up. The ceremony was strictly private, and besides the officiating clergyman the only persons present were HAROLD's mother and sisters, who were very much affected.

This morning the mother of ATZEROTT arrived here from Baltimore to be present at the reinterment of her son. Mr. SCHADE, with the brother of JOHN C. ATZEROTT, called at the Executive mansion this morning, and on waiting on the President received the order indorsed:

The Secretary of War will order the delivery of the body of GEORGE A. ATZEROTT to his brother, JOHN C. ATZEROTT.

(Signed.) A. JOHNSON, President.

The brother, JOHN C. ATZEROTT, immediately proceeded to the War Department to procure the further necessary order.

The *Evening Star* says that application having been made for the body of BOOTH, it is likely that it will be delivered up shortly, as the authorities at the Arsenal are anxious that all of the bodies shall be removed from the warehouse where they were interred. It is understood that the remains of BOOTH will be taken in charge by an undertaker of Baltimore, and conveyed to that city. They will probably be interred in Green Mount Cemetery, near the grave of his father, the famous tragedian, JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PORTUGAL.

The long-disputed boundary between the Governments of England and Portugal is on the shores of the Gambia and Island of Bellama, West Africa. The President, by request of the Queen of England and King of Portugal, had accepted the office of arbitrator. The papers in the case will be submitted in the course of a month.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The following decisions were rendered in the Supreme Court to-day:

No. 45—The *Genesee Chief*, his tackle, &c., the Union Horseshoe Company, Intervenant, vs. The United States. No. 46—The *Genesee Chief*, his tackle, &c., Mary B. Hackett et al., Intervenants and claimants, appellants, vs. The United States—Appeals from the District Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts. Justice FIELD delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the decrees of the Court, and remanding the causes to said Court for further proceedings in conformity with the opinion of the Supreme Court. The decision through Justice FIELD is, that where a prize vessel is in charge of a prize crew, and by her fault she collides with and damages another vessel, a lien attaches for such damages, and that upon the condemnation of the prize and sale the Court is authorized to order payment out of the proceeds of sale. Justice NELSON dissented.

No. 6—The *Lamar*, Georgia, appellant, vs. The United States. Appeal from the Supreme Court of the United States. The Plaintiff in Error, Justice NELSON delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the decree of the District Court. In this case the Court holds that the capture of the steamer, Lamar, while out of the port of Liverpool, was illegal, and that the vessel was not a lawful prize of war. This case will be remembered as that which gave rise to some correspondence between the Minister Adams and the British authorities at the time of her capture. The *Georgia* was built in England, and originally called the *Japan*, and was in the Confederate service. She was purchased in 1863, but formally named and her name changed into a Portuguese Christian. The Court held that ships of the public enemy could not be the purchase of neutrals in the United States, should be detained at port, and all neutrals should be at liberty to make a bona fide purchase. At the time of her sale the *Georgia* and Sumter had been in adjoining waters, having been equipped and fitted out by the same parties to evade the *Alabama* off the coast of France. It was true that the armament had been removed; but this could have been replaced, the crew being retained, the officers and stay in the cabin, &c.

No. 47—Schooler F. Hall & Co., vs. The United States; appeal from the Court of Claims. Justice Davis delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the decree of the Court of Claims. It appears that Hall & Co. paid certain duties on spirits, but did not pay them under protest. This, it is held, excludes them from seeking relief. The law provides that where duties are paid under protest, an application to recover may be made; but in the present case relief is precluded.

No. 11 (originally—in point The State of Virginia, petitioner, vs. Rutherford B. Hayes, Governor, &c.) Mr. Justice NELSON announced the following order of the Court in this cause: The Chief Justice has been informed that the Circuit Court for the District of Virginia was informed in the Court that before the pending motion for prohibition was made, he signified to the District Judge his intention to issue the prohibition, and that he has received from the opinion expressed by the Circuit Judge the allowance for the writ of habeas corpus complained of in the petition; and that he has advised the District Judge now holding the Circuit Court to direct the prisoner to be discharged from the custody

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

The Feast of the Epiphany in Rome—Festivities of American Residents—Ball of the American Club—An Archæological Tour—Political Affairs—Artistic Intelligence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1869.

The Feast of the Epiphany, or *Jour des Rois*, is observed as a close festa here—a not unwelcome day of rest after the merry-making of the Befana; which, though attracting the usual crowd and being kept up all night pretty much, has sadly fallen off in real fun. There are no more masques in fancy costumes, nothing but a continuous discordant din, with too much pushing and crowding; though the soldiers, who are stationed everywhere, interfere when this threatens to become that bête noir of the authorities, a demonstration. Twelfth Night had been chosen by the American Club for their opening ball; and it is not mere patriotic prejudice which impels me to say that it would be difficult in Rome to collect under one roof such an amount of beauty. The wide stone stairway of the old Palazzo Gregori was well lighted, lined with trees and flowers all the way up, and a luxury which those who have lived here will appreciate—covered with a substantial carpet. The ante-rooms were filled with shrubs and plants, the red berries of the holly interingling with the pine, the fir and the box tree, and giving a home, Christmas look, which was manifest everywhere, too, in the reception and dancing rooms. These were festooned with flowers from the lofty ceilings, the side walls being decorated with busts, pictures, and, of course, the Stars and Stripes. HOUDON'S bust of WASHINGTON, draped in the flag, was just above HEALY'S fine picture of Gen. GRANT, while opposite was a bust of LINCOLN, and on the side wall one of Gov. SEWARD, surmount ing BIERSTADT'S canvas epic, "Sheridan's Ride." There were other good pictures, sent for the occasion by the artists. Fragrant flowers were everywhere, the lights were brilliant, the music excellent, and the stone floors well protected by carpets, with crash for the dancers.

The company numbered over two hundred and fifty, with half a dozen exceptions, all Americans, from New-England to California, and it is but fair to say that the Golden State especially was brilliantly represented. The dancing, which began at 10, was kept up with unabated spirit, and when the German, or the Cotillion as it is called, was reached, there were more than thirty couples on the floor, which they did not abandon till well past the smaller hours. During the early part of the evening a buffet was provided, with sandwiches, cakes and tea for the ladies; together with an artistic combination of champagne, green tea, pineapples, strawberries, lemons and snow. Toward midnight the supper-room was thrown open, the tables well covered and prettily decorated, the cakes iced to represent the Stars and Stripes, and pretty little American flags upon all the principal plats. There was neither break nor jar during the whole evening, and very general thanks were voted to the gentlemen of the Club who, encouraged by this first success, propose to give, during the season two or three more similar entertainments. The experiment, somewhat risky as it was at first considered, of an American Club, has resulted very favorably; and the rooms are well filled every day with Americans, coming to Rome from all parts of the old, as well as of the newer, world, who meet here upon a pleasant fraternal footing which does not exist to the same extent certainly among the members of either the French or the English Clubs. The Romans are not encouraged to indulge in such an institution, which could hardly be carried on under the auspices of a *sacra congregazione*, and without that supervision nothing in the way of a public institution seems to be permitted here.

As is usual at Epiphany, the Bambino at the Aracoeli attracted a crowd of worshipers during the day, and to the Protestant eye it was a sorry sight when the painted and bedizzened and bejeweled doll was brought out of the church to extend the blessing of its presence to the assembled multitude. But, strong meat cannot be given to babes, and with the general ignorance and superstition prevailing here, the priests, who are wise in their generation, use the means which are perhaps best adapted to the end to be obtained. I took occasion, however, in a recent letter, to speak of the desecration of St. Peters' by parties of picnicking strangers, on the night before Christmas; and it is quite as pertinent, perhaps, to allude now to the general irreverence and entire disregard of the feelings of the Romans, which, in some way, seems to be considered, by the great mass of visitors, the proper mode of showing the superiority of the Protestant faith. You cannot witness such a sight as that of to-day, or go into a church where there are services held, without finding adventurous sight-seers, with the inevitable, but I am bound to say very useful, *Murray* in hand, who make nothing of deliberately turning their backs to the altar at which the priest may be officiating; of passing directly before the kneeling worshipers at some other shrine; of audibly commenting upon whatever may be going on, with an expression of the nasal organ which leaves no room for even those who are ignorant of the language made use of to be in doubt as to the meaning of the speakers; in fact, of trying to evince in every way how much better they are, in their own disgusting Pharisaical conceit, than the people upon whose religious exercises they are thus most unmannerly intruders. It would give mortal offence, doubtless, to hint that possibly these could not be pious Protestants; and yet, if such, why cannot there be a little more of politeness in the piety? Dislike as we may the doctrines and devotions of these credulous Romans, dissent and decorum are not inevitably antagonistic. Good manners are not necessarily incompatible with good morals or sound faith; and if, as ROCHEFOUCAULD or ROUSSEAU, I forget which, sometimes says, our manners, to which generally we seem to pay so little attention, are yet precisely what we are most judged by, I am afraid the impression left by many of the foreigners upon the minds of these no doubt benighted Romans cannot be a very flattering one. Fancy our righteous indignation if these should do unto us as we do unto them. But enough, and more than enough perhaps, of such a disagreeable topic, for the man or woman who has not the innate consciousness that to hurt needlessly the feelings, or prejudices even, of another gives unmistakable proof of ill breeding, if not a bad heart, will hardly be disturbed in the indulgence of his or her uncivilized and uncomfortable idiosyncrasies by anything I could say.

During the past season of Rogation days there has been a special daily mass after the Greek, the Armenian and the Maronite forms; and to-morrow Archbishop MANNING, the head of the Roman Catholic Church in England, who reached here last week, is announced to preach in that one of the four churches upon the Piazza del Popolo, which, as visitors to Rome will remember, is between the Babbino and the Corso. On Sunday there was the annual exhibition of the scholars of the famous College of the Propaganda, when orations were delivered in thirty different languages. In the chapel of the venerable building a platform was erected over the altar for the students, numbering more than one hundred and twenty, of all nations and tribes, the Caffrees African side by side with the whitest Caucasian, varying in age from 18 or 18 to 30, all dressed alike in a long loose black serge coat edged with red, with a red sash round the waist, and wearing skull caps. There were some six or eight Americans among them, all, I think, of Irish parentage. Immediately in front were ranged armchairs—on the right for the foreign Ministers, on the left for the Cardinals. The benches behind these were occupied by Archbishops, Monsignore, Bishops and invited guests, foreign and others. The prelude to the exercises was an overture admirably played. A Latin address was first made, and then in succession the many-tongued speeches were delivered, no one of them exceeding ten minutes in length, though it was more than three hours before they were all finished. It was an unique and very interesting spectacle, and one not to be seen elsewhere. Perhaps the best speaker in voice, gesture and general manner was a negro, black as the ace of spades, whose singing was as good as his oratory—for, curiously enough, each speaker, after his speech was finished, sang a short hymn in the same language. He was from Senegambia, I believe, and this will account for all omissions as to the matter of his oration, which, I feed hardly say, was slightly unintelligible to the general audience.

AN ARCHÆOLOGICAL TOUR.

We had another agreeable day, too, during this past week, with Rev. Dr. SMITH, of the Propaganda, an enthusiastic archæologist; first, at the Catacombs of Calixtus, and then at the old Church of San Clementi. At the former, we descended through narrow winding passages, each of the party with a lighted wax taper in hand, to the fifth gallery, quite fifty feet under ground, stopping as we went to examine the more noticeable burial places. With Father SMITH'S simple and characteristic explanations, the exploration was alike instructive and entertaining. Many of the frescoes and inscriptions which he translated for us dating back from the third century. We saw the spots from which martyrs have been taken, and others where their ashes are supposed still to rest, with many tombs or niches yet unopened. There is still another gallery beneath, not excavated, however, except in spots; as we were told to content ourselves not unwillingly with the five that were where we had spent over two hours, and then returned to the bright sun and blue skies above, for the visit to San Clementi. This old church was built directly over a still more ancient one, dedicated to the same saint and martyr in the seventh century. This lower church has only been disinterred within the last few years, its aisles and transept traced, the beautiful columns uncovered, and the remarkable frescoes, dating from the seventh to the thirteenth century, brought to light. The colors and inscriptions are fresh as if only of a few years' date, and yet they have been buried and covered up with rubbish for many centuries. There is a curious passage, too, beneath the lower church—perhaps twenty-five or thirty feet under the present street—wherein made or to what leading is not known. It is a narrow vaulted passage, in making the side walls of which the three epochs of old Rome are distinctly marked by the material used in the construction. There are large blocks of peperino for the first period of the Kings, brick for that of the Republic, and marble for the Empire, recalling the boast of the Emperor AUGUSTUS, (so cleverly applied, by the way, by one of our speakers during the last election at home,) that he had found Rome of brick and left it of marble. It was a curious and remarkable epitome of Roman history.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

In political matters there has been more stir during the past few days. The sudden recall of the Duke DE SALVIANEA, which furnished food for conjecture, is now known to have been caused by the determination of the King of Portugal to place in the Duke's hands the formation of a new Ministry, and we shall therefore miss his well-known, venerable figure here. From Italy come accounts, more or less grave, of the tumults produced by the collection of the grist-tax; and though the papers deny that there are any formidable outbreaks, it is nevertheless the fact that the officers of the army on furlough have been summoned to return at once to duty. The Turco-Greek Conference, of course, is watched with anxiety, though the belief is general that no serious consequences will be allowed to ensue between those two countries. The case of the two political prisoners, who were sentenced to death by an inferior Court here, for participation in the Trastevere fight, last Fall a year ago, remains still undecided, an appeal having been taken to the higher tribunal of the *Sacra Consulta*. The hope is generally expressed that these men may not suffer the extreme penalty of the law, and a strong pressure on the part of Italy has been brought to bear upon the Pope, to which he may, not unnaturally, feel unwilling to appear to yield. It would be an unwise act, however, to have another double execution—in a case, too, where there are so many palliating circumstances; and the prediction is ventured that the high court, in whose hands the decision now rests, will mitigate the sentence of the lower tribunal, and so satisfy the general sense of Europe.

ARTISTIC INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday and to-day RANDOLPH ROGERS opened his studio for a general exhibition of his last work, a colossal statue of LINCOLN, ordered by citizens of Philadelphia, at the instance, originally, of the Union League Club, for erection in one of the public places of that city. Mr. LINCOLN is represented sitting in an arm chair, with a pen in one hand, and a roll, the Emancipation Proclamation, in the other, with a cloak thrown over the back of the chair. The grand subject, the character of the face of the Great Emancipator, the size and treatment of the statue, are eminently adapted for the position which it is destined to occupy; and high as the fame of the artist already is at home, this last work of his will add to it. It is in these large undertakings that ROGERS especially excels. Now if only placed where it can be properly seen, the City of Philadelphia will have just cause to be proud of this latest addition to its fine works of art.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Immigration from Germany—Practical Operation of Private Enterprise—Executive Clemency—Pardons from the Penitentiary—More Cotton in 1869—The Legislature Slow and Expensive.

From Our Own Correspondent.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February, 1869.

Among the many ways in which progress is being made in this State, conspicuous are the increasing facilities toward

IMMIGRATION.

The agencies are private, and the results are decided and will tell in time. An association—one as an instance or example of several others of a like kind—in the town of Newberry, near the centre of the State, is now introducing German laborers in this way, at the rate of fifty a month. A number of planters met at the Court-house, several months ago, conferred upon the matter, agreed that white labor would pay, formed an association, appointed an agent, paid each a hundred dollars as a beginning fund,—and the work commenced. The agent began by getting first small numbers—six, eight, ten or a dozen at a time—and, from month to month, brought on a few more; his number of immigrant laborers for January being just fifty. And thus the work will go on until May or thereabouts, when the demand for this year will slack off, to be renewed in the Autumn for next year. I am informed by a member of this Newberry Association that the laborers already in service do at least fifty per cent. more work than negroes. The result is easy to be seen—the negro must give place to the Saxon and the Teuton. He must move nearer and nearer to the coast, where, on account of the malaria, the whites will be slower to go. Those persons who expect largely of the negro, tell me that it will stimulate the negro to do fifty per cent. more work. But my reading of history does not teach me that, and does suggest that the stimulus (competition) that was applied to the negro race for three thousand years in Egypt without elevating him, may be applied to the same race in Carolina cotton fields with the same result. I would be happy to expect otherwise, but my desire does not overcome my conviction.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY.

I have referred to this matter in a recent letter. Within the last few weeks nine criminals have been turned out of the State Penitentiary (one of these, perhaps, from jail,) by Executive clemency exercised by Gov. SCOTT. They are: WILLIS WEEKS, JERRY LOGAN, HENRY MATHIS, ALLEN DRAWDY, JOSEPH ALLEN, SANCHO BRANTLEY, R. M. BROWNE, WILLIAM MATHIS and JEFF. GREEN. The crimes for which they were punished were murder, rape, burglary and similar offences. Within the same period five have had their punishments commuted by the same merciful hands from hanging to one and two years in the Penitentiary. These are: CAIN CASE, ALNOR BEEN, ADAM EARLE, WADE JONES and DALLAS HARLESTON. All of these—both those pardoned and those commuted—I understand are negroes.

MORE COTTON.

From conversations I have had with well-informed parties from the interior of this State—the central and upper portions, where cotton is the staple—it seems probable that the year 1869 is likely to yield the heaviest crop of cotton produced since the war. The past year (1868) South Carolina produced 180,000 bales of cotton. In some sections of the State the quantity planted will be double that planted in 1868, and in all portions marked increase in the order of the day. If the season be favorable and labor do not fail, 1869 may yield 250,000 bales, and one estimate puts it at 300,000 bales. A perfectly organized system of labor would render it practicable to produce in this State near half a million bales—worth something like $60,000,000. The crop of 1860 was, I believe, over 400,000 bales, and the economy of culture was not by any means at its maximum.

THE LEGISLATURE.

This body gets on with business so slowly that the people of the State are beginning to murmur at the protracted session. There appears no prospect of an adjournment yet; and it may be August, probably will be April, before they consent to surrender their per diem, which is so much more than they can make anywhere else. Six dollars a day is a God-send not to be despised nor to be lightly surrendered, by men who cannot realize beyond it a day by their regular pursuits. The expense to the State is about $1,200 a day; and, the popular clamor is, they are doing nothing. The House sits about three hours a day, and three days adopted a resolution to have two sessions a day. All this extravagance of outlay is prejudicial to the interests of the State, and destructive of its credit; but the misdemeanants of this kind have not seem to look so far as that. To such an extent has this discontent gone, that there was a rumor in Columbia to-day that the Grand Jury of this (Richland) county purposed to present the Legislature to the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions as a public nuisance that needed abatement. The rumor shows the temper of the community. BOHEM.

Hon. James N. Tyner, of Indiana.

JAMES N. TYNER was nominated for Congress on the 11th inst., by the Republicans of the Indiana Eighth District, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Hon. D. D. PRATT to the United States Senate. There were six candidates before the Convention, and Mr. TYNER was nominated on the eighth ballot. He was called to the platform, and, when the tumult was allayed, proceeded to say that his heart was too full of gratitude to his friends to admit of any attempt at a speech. Fully appreciating the distinguished honor conferred upon him, he none the less fully appreciated the responsibilities imposed by that honor. Nevertheless he should accept both with gratitude, and, with the humble, firm resolve to do his utmost to deserve his friends, and serve honestly, his Highest ambition was to be the representative of so loyal and true a constituency. He could declare before that vast audience, and before God, that he entered upon the count of the rebellion, and fought it through. Not one man in the district had this pledge for any help to any position; and he would now say to all aspirants, that in this, as in every thing, he only sought to know the will of the people he represented. What is shown to be their will, will be his own. He was happy to know that he should have the support of the distinguished man to whose seat they had chosen him, and he should gladly seek it. He urged all to vigilance, assuring them that the enemy were on the alert, and would have a candidate on the track, and elect him, too, if they could first sing the Republicans to sleep with their song.

The Convention was unanimous to an extraordinary degree, fully equal to that which nominated PRATT.

Mr. Howe's Address to his Constituents.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE has published, in a Halifax paper, an address to the electors of the County of Hants, Nova Scotia, in which he explains and defends his action in accepting office under the Dominion Government. He gives a history of his unsuccessful action in opposition to the passage of the act providing for the union of the Provinces, and in conclusion says:

On a calm review of all the circumstances, I believe that you will ratify by your suffrages my conduct and policy. I cannot condescend to defend myself from the insinuations that have been whispered with, as if I have been for more than a year listening on the yoke treasure have already doffed the Press; but I shall be prepared to meet any of these persons before the hustings, and, if they have been true to their trust, I hope, to do what I have not hitherto done, make some inquisition into the correctness of their own. Apart altogether from the main general question, you will get now to decide whether Nova Scotia shall raise $400,000 a year by direct taxation; or whether by this association, ratified by the Canadian Parliament, our roads and bridges, and other public services, are to be amply provided for without any such necessity. You have also to decide whether there shall be a just and fair administration of affairs by your own representatives, who have been some time and have gathered some experience; or whether Nova Scotia is to have no influence in conducting the government of the Dominion, to the authority of which they have just bowed their heads. I hope to publish the county soon, and will then be prepared to answer any question you may ask, or to give any further information that this paper does not supply.

In the mean time, believe me, yours faithfully,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Proposed Reception of Mr. Johnson in Nashville.

From the Nashville (Tenn.) Press & Times, Feb. 12.

A meeting of German citizens was held last night, at which JACOB SIEBERT was President and THEO. TRAUBENIGHT Secretary, for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps toward giving A. JOHNSON a reception when, having retired from the arduous duties which devolve upon the President of these United States, he shall make his advent into Nashville in the garb of a private citizen. A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. S. BICKELE, CHARLES SCHLICH, GEORGE PLEKKELE, JOHN HESS, and R. D. BLUM, were appointed to inform the Press of the city of this action. The idea is, we believe, to tender the Ex-President a banquet in the Court-house, and afterward, or perhaps before, to treat him to the spectacle of a torchlight procession. No doubt the festivities proposed would be highly enjoyed by Mr. JOHNSON.

A Sister's Strange Revenge.

From the Sacramento Union, Feb. 1.

A strange story was in general circulation in the city yesterday, on good authority, which would indicate most outrageous conduct on the part of one of the parties thereto. It runs to this effect: The wife of a citizen quarreled with her sister several months ago, and they have been at variance ever since—SARAH, the sister, who is unmarried, going to work as a domestic in the family of a well-known merchant. On Saturday last SARAH received word from her sister that she had heard from a relative, and if she (SARAH) would call she could read the letter. She went to the house, was pleased to find her sister desirous of "making up," and they became quite sociable. A child of the married sister was lying ill at the time, and the mother asked SARAH to take it while she did so—fondled and kissed it. The mother then informed her, in a manner indicating great gratification, that the child had the small pox! Convinced that she was the victim of a diabolical trick, SARAH left the house, went to that of her employer, and informed the lady of the horror of the circumstance, refusing to go in, for fear she might communicate the disease to the family; then went to the office of a physician, got thoroughly vaccinated, hired a room, and is awaiting the result of her sister's treachery.

The Lunatic Asylum Homicide—Action of the Coroner.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner ROLLINS, at the Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island, over the remains of MARGARET MCLAUGHLIN, the woman who was murdered on Friday night by another lunatic named CATHARINE SHAY. The Coroner received notice on Saturday morning of the death of the woman, but as there was no mention of violence the case was deemed an ordinary one, and so was allowed to stand over in order to allow the Coroner to attend to other and pressing cases in the City. The following testimony was elicited before the jury:

Ellen Donovan testified: I am a nurse employed in the "Lodge" of the Lunatic Asylum; I have been here nearly a month; deceased was an inmate and so was Catharine Shay; on Thursday night they were put in a cell together as usual; nothing unusual was heard from them; I went to the cell about half-past three morning I went to the cell, and when I opened the door Catharine came out and said, "I've done it;" I asked her what she had done; at the same time I saw deceased on the floor; I ran to her; she was bleeding; blood upon her; I asked Catherine if she had struck deceased; she said she did, and done it because deceased would not do what she wanted her to do; I immediately got deceased out of the cell; washed the blood off and sent for the doctor; deceased was insensible, and only lived four or five hours after being discovered; the only instrument in the cell with which a deed of this nature could possibly have been committed was a "kit," which is of wood, and used by the patients during the night; Catharine was confined about four weeks ago, but since then she has been very quiet, and I never saw her make any demonstrations against any of the patients.

James W. Smith testified: I am warden of the Lunatic Asylum; I know deceased and Catharine Shay; deceased has been an inmate since Dec. 14, 1867; Catharine Shay has been here since Jan. 5, 1866; neither of the patients have been considered violently dangerous, though they were assigned to the "Lodge;" I have seen Shay on Friday morning, and made every inquiry as to how the violence was committed; I could ascertain nothing different from the circumstances narrated by the nurse; the instrument used by Catharine was a "kit," which is placed in the cells overnight for the patients' use; the watchman on duty in the "Lodge" did not hear any unusual noise; the "kit" is a wooden vessel holding a gallon, 10 or 12 inches high and bound with iron hoops; Catharine was a quiet and docile patient; had any unusual symptoms been noticed she would have been placed in a separate cell; deceased was a domestic and committed by Justice Dodge; an occurrence of this kind has never before happened in this department.

Dr. John Beach made a post-mortem examination of the remains, and testified that he found a large bruise on each cheek bone; the head was completely scalped and the brain was congested; the skull was fractured at the base; death was the result of these injuries.

The jury rendered a verdict "that MARGARET MCLAUGHLIN, the deceased, came to her death at the hands of CATHARINE SHAY in the asylum for the Lunatic Asylum, on the night of the 12th of February, 1869." Deceased was a native of Ireland, aged 21 years.

OUR MARKETS.

Report of Gen. Viele on their Condition—Suggestions for Improvement.

Gen. EGBERT L. VIELE, at the request of the Joint Committee of the Common Council on Markets, has prepared an elaborate report on the present condition of the public market-property, with suggestions for its improvement.

After describing the present condition of the various market-houses, as had in the extreme—Washington Market alone excepted—Gen. VIELE gives the following

TOTAL AREA OCCUPIED BY THE PUBLIC MARKETS.

	Sq. ft. in.		Sq. ft. in.
West Washington Market	44,000	Jefferson Market	8,000
Market Square	64,000	Franklin Market	3,000
Jefferson Market	40,000	Catharine Market	12,000
Essex Market	20,000	Fulton Market	22,000
Tompkins Market	20,000	Washington Mkt.	62,000
Clinton Market	20,000	Total	297,000
Greene Market	20,000	Union Market	9,720
Total			306,720

Without at present four and five millions of dollars.

A large private market, called the "Central," has lately been erected on the corner of Second-way and Seventh-avenue, and in addition to this there are in different parts of the City, about 20 private markets, generally occupying the lower portions of buildings, sometimes taking in two or three. They are thus distributed in other localities.

These stands pay an average rent of $1,000 a year, or a total of $800,000; and transact an average business of $18,000 a year, or a total of $4,800,000. They are governed by no special regulations, nor are they, so far as I am aware, liable to any certain inspection. Some of them are in election by the purchaser beyond the limited supply on hand, and no opportunity for comparing the prices charged with the regular market prices. All of these minor market stands are the result of deficient arrangements of a public character, and the consequences are very serious in an economic point of view. Some portions are entirely arbitrary, not being submitted to competition, or the laws of trade governing demand and supply, which are the natural result of an aggregation of dealers. It is urged by some, that markets should follow all other branches of trade, and be left entirely to the action of non-action of private individuals, with the laws of public health and public safety, as well as a just consideration for the good of the many as shown by all experience, are opposed to this view of the case. The following is an actual count of the rebellious dealers who have established market produce in the streets adjacent to Washington Market in one morning during market hours:

Cortlandt-street, from Greenwich to West	25
Warren-street, from Cortlandt to Warren	20
Warren-street, from West-street to Broadway	240
Reade-street, from West-street to Broadway	142
Chambers-street, from West-street to Broadway	75
Murray-street, from West-street to Broadway	25
Barclay-street, from West-street to Broadway	147
Washington-street, from Cortlandt to Dunne	412
Vesey-street	107
Greenwich-street, from Cortlandt to Warren	276
Twenty-first-street, from Sixth-avenue to *Herald* office	20
Fulton-street	20
Total	1,289

About one-third of these were producers, two-thirds were those of City dealers. The total number afford an illustration of the condition of the streets during market hours.

WHAT IS REQUIRED.

Gen. VIELE'S report concludes as follows:

I am of opinion that the City should address itself into the fulfillment of the following conditions, viz:

To furnish the people at large, as convenient locations, with an ample supply of the best quality of food at the lowest possible price. Now, to attain this end we must have reference both to the producer and consumer. The source of the supply must be considered, and the facility of transportation in connection with the same, and the demand. All of the supplies must come from points distant from the City, and most of them come by water; therefore, the principal market for accumulation must, for convenience of transportation, be near the water. Washington Market is contiguous to the principal ferries, and as a great many market-wagons enter these ferries, it is supposed that the location of that market, in connection with the adjacent streets, is one of many reasons why a change should be made, all of which are consistent with the essential conditions above referred to. This market was established at a period when the City was very small, and it does not exist even in the imagination of the most sanguine. We find it now located not only far below the centre of population, but in the midst of a commerce which has outgrown it, and is rapidly tending, as the anacconda slides the victim which it embraces in its folds, to its embrace and overrun its limits without asking in the least to its accommodations. Instead of the market being in the centre, and upon made ground continuously saturated with the refuting tides, no effort of science or skill can ever make it what it ought to be, and even were it in this condition it would be impossible, in most of the circumstances of the case, become a source of more and more commercial injury, until, like the upas tree, everything shall wither and die in its shade. But the establishment of a up-town market removes the only argument for its being retained in connection with it. The ground occupied is much more valuable than a much larger area in a more convenient locality, both for purposes of business and for a dwelling, on the spot, or a remodeling of the old one, would interfere materially with the daily business, no matter how skillfully conducted. The up-town stands and avenues being wider and more direct, the facilities of access would be essentially improved. Again, the subject of the overcrowded streets in the lower part of the City, which has been a number of years a matter of deep concern to the whole commercial interest, would, in the removal of Washington Market, cease to be a troublesome problem to discuss, since the great incentive and overcrowding influences would no longer exist, and relief would enable us to indulge in ordinary commercial intercourse would require the use of the streets. The location of a ferry at the foot of Twenty-third-st. connected with a market with Fulton-st. City, and the fact that there is a large area of unoccupied and available ground at this place, indicates it as a suitable spot to which the great and increasing trade of Washington Market would be conveyed. The railway from this point to Thirty-fourth-street and East River, would, by intersecting all the lateral lines, afford direct and ready access to most all parts of the City to the new market. All the ferries would be within a comfortable distance when compared with the business of this one. In fact, this has become, from the force of circumstances, the great market of accumulation, or the wholesale market, and the City will find the facilities of distribution or retail market. There should of necessity be two wholesale markets, at either side, one, say at Thirty-fourth-street, with a large retail market on front the street, and the other, that proposed to be erected on Essex-square, for grill-rooms, for its peculiarly central location, and the facilities afforded for the purchase of the remainder of the space, for many years. It truth, it is useless to attempt any half-way measures in a matter of so much importance as this. It is not alone the convenience of the hour that should be provided for, but the wants of the great metropolis, which will, during the next century, are to become the dominant of the metropolis. The tendency of population is toward the large centres of commerce and trade, while the natural increase of the City is rapid, and, if ever action is now taken should be on a scale commensurate with the future greatness of the City. Any other course would be a waste of money for an ill-considered end. In brief, I will state as the result of my investigation, that the entire market arrangements throughout the City are inferior, insufficient and unworthy of the name; and as a remedy I would respectfully suggest:

First—That Washington Market be removed as speedily as possible to the foot of Twenty-third-street, North River. The ferries form a new building to be erected on this spot, accommodate the trade. It covers two blocks, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets, and Eleventh-avenue and the River. The area is equal to about eighty City lots, in addition to which there are piers, docks, bulkheads and slips for receiving produce from twenty, sixty-fifty feet by three hundred. The piers and the entire body of the market, with the bulkhead, would be covered with light and airy roofs, which, in connection with the harmony of its design, will not be excelled by any similar structure in the world. One half of the property which is proposed will be more than sufficient for the complete trade in every respect, while the revenues, at the lowest calculation, will exceed more than a quarter of a million annually.

Second—That Fulton Market be remodeled, the exterior walls slightly remodeling, and the whole be covered with an arched truss roof, lighted and ventilated from above. This space will contain two hundred and twenty stalls. The foundation would be but little changed, and make a permanent market of a type so long imaginary. A design for this improvement also accompanies this report.

Third—That Franklin Market be sold, as being no longer required.

Fourth—That Government Market, including the space in front, and a considerable area on each side of it, be sold, and the Clinton Market have an entire new building, the line of Canal-street being changed so that the market may have one hundred feet, instead of two triangular pieces. This would give a roomy and very necessary market edifice, at a proper point.

Sixth—That Jefferson Market be rebuilt. It properly arranged it could be made the handsomest structure in the City. That a new market be opened over the whole of Reservoir-square, the upper portion to be used for dwellings.

Eighth—That a new wholesale market be built near Twenty-fourth-street, on the East River, for the Long Island produce.

Ninth—That all the markets be used exclusively for meats and produce.

Tenth—That all stalls shall be of a uniform size and style throughout all the markets, and be rented at a uniform price; the location of any tenant to be disposed by lot. Under such a system the revenues would be very large, and leave a surplus over all expenses and interest. These changes are all important, and when effected will serve the purpose for several years to come. Not many, however. Greater facilities will in time be demanded. It is impossible to look back upon the rapid growth of this City, the increase of population and wealth, of refinement and luxury, the thousands of strangers, flocking in the near future a splendid city, rivaling in extent and grandeur all that have preceded it in ancient or modern times. The nucleus of the world is finding here its centre. The enterprising spirits of all nations swell the busy throngs which gather in its crowded marts. The labor and industry of a continent pay tribute at its gates, and a whole people, in all the manifold ways of the spoils of commerce and business relations, contribute, in one way and another to its greatness. Who, then, can doubt its future? Already its architecture aspires to rival the best models of Europe. Not that Parthenon of Athens, nor the Pantheon of Rome—not the Colosseum, nor St. Peter's, nor St. Paul's—beneath whose shadows have passed the imperial processions of a bygone civilization, are equal to those splendid conceptions, whose columned portices, arches and domes will echo the tread of the new civilization that is to culminate upon the spot we now inhabit. Surely, in the light of that day, so rapidly approaching, we who have suffered to pass so long these filthy shambles in our midst, must inevitably appear to have been deficient in those elements of intelligence and refinement which are the characteristics of a truly civilized community.

Boat Wharves and Piers—Measures for Improving the New-York Waterfront.

The Citizens' Association has again introduced a bill into the Legislature to establish a Board of Wharves and Piers in the Harbor of New-York. The Bill embraces the following leading features:

First—New-York and Brooklyn are incorporated into one harbor district, and a Board of Wharves and Piers is established therein.

Second—The Board of Wharves and Piers is composed of thirteen members, of which the Mayors of the cities of New-York and Brooklyn, ex-officio, the Comptroller of the City of New-York, for the time being, are three.

Third—The members of the Board, except the President, shall devote the whole time to the duties of his office, serve without compensation, and the total expenditure of the Board are not to exceed fifty thousand dollars annually.

Fourth—The Board, in regards the wharf property owned by the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn, respectively, possess the power of leasing the same at public auction, for a term not exceeding ten years; the leases to have the privilege of two renewals for the term of ten years each, subject to valuation. The leases, however, are not to extend beyond the year 1900, and at the option of the lessee only, to term, the rents to be paid for the last five years of the term.

Fifth—The Board is to possess the power of prescribing the plan and material of the wharves and piers to be erected on City property, and such plan and material shall be specified in the advertisement of the property to be leased.

Sixth—The Board, as regards the existing public wharves and piers, possess the power of directing the same to be repaired, altered, improved, maintained, or rebuilt in such manner and form, and at such time as may seem proper, and of directing and creating all things thereto appertaining.

Seventh—The Board possess the power of removing any of the public wharves and piers as it may deem necessary, provided the same are not under lease to private parties.

Ninth—The Board, as regards new piers, or piers requiring to be rebuilt of same dimensions, belonging to private parties, possess the power of prescribing a plan to cover, but the material to be used is left to the election of the owners.

Tenth—The Board possess the power of assigning the location of double lines, established lines, for piles, and these kinds of business, and of fixing the location, and of allowing such interests the exclusive use of such locations.

Eleventh—Provided in case the private owners of piers should refuse or neglect to improve the same, the Board, according to the plan prescribed by the Board, within such reasonable time as should be specified by the Board, is empowered to advertise for proposals, and to allow the lowest responsible party to do the work according to the plan of the Board, agreeing to take the wharfage thereof for the same, in compensation therefor, to enter into and upon such wharves, piers, and to receive and retain the rents of the same for such term.

Twelfth—The Board possess the power of establishing the time and rates of wharfage or tonnage to be charged on vessels, merchandise and passengers, except that the said Board are not empowered to alter the present rates of wharfage on canal boats.

Thirteenth—The Board possess the powers of the Harbor Masters, the Pilot Commissioners, the Captain of the Port, and the legislative and executive powers of the local authorities of New-York and Brooklyn, so far as they refer to the control of wharves, docks, piers, wharves, piers and slips, and the berthing of vessels; and the powers now possessed by such persons, Board and authorities in relation to the same are abrogated.

Fourteenth—The laws of the canal boats, as given by existing laws, to the exclusive use of the same, and adjacent to certain of the wharves of the City of New-York, on the East River, are preserved.

Fifteenth—Provided the public wharf property in Jersey City, the rents and profits of the same are to be paid to said cities respectively.

The following are the gentlemen named in the bill to constitute the Board: John Taylor Johnston, Samuel Willey, Jeremiah P. Robinson, John S. Williams, David Dows, Seymour L. Husted, Francis W. G. Bellows, Cornelius E. Garrison, George M. Clearman, Ambrose Snow.

Reception of Hon. Reuben E. Fenton by the Republican General Committee.

The members of the Republican General Committee assembled yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock at their headquarters, on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, for the purpose of welcoming Hon. REUBEN E. FENTON to this City. The delegates from the twenty-one Assembly Districts represented formed a column and marched to the Fifth-avenue Hotel, where they were introduced to the distinguished Senator-elect, who gave them a cordial greeting. After the ceremony of introduction had been performed by Hon. JOHN A. GRIMES, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. FREEMAN J. FITZGERALD, Judge of the Superior Court, addressed Mr. FENTON as follows:

Gov. FENTON: In adding, at the request of the Committee, my words to those which have been so fitly and appropriately said by their presiding officer, I am manifestly my duty in the discharge of the high and important public duties which have been imposed upon you by your fellow-citizens. I know I have failed to name the just expectations of the Republicans of the State of New-York. Accordingly this General Committee, representing as it does fifty thousand Republicans, have met to-day and have deem this a fit and appropriate occasion to renew to you assurance of their cordial approval and support. We have not been themselves elements of power in your election, but we have elected with much satisfaction your inflexible adherence to Republican principles, and your unswerving and devoted loyalty to that great cause of which you have been a prominent champion. We believe, under Providence, this country owes its preservation, and its present and future power and greatness. In connection with our fellow-citizens, we have observed your devotion to all duties, public and private, and your earnest efforts to protect and advance the best interests of all the people of this commonwealth. We have seen you, in your official acts, unvitiated by selfish and personal interests, for no other reason, we believe, than that you could not be in any manner used for the furtherance of the selfish and corrupt purposes of others. We have seen, too, that, in all this, you have withstood great temptations and ample vindication, at the hands of the people and their representatives, has come to you. Finally, we have seen you, from the high office of Chief Magistrate of this State, to a wider sphere of usefulness in the Upper House of the Nation, where your administration of affairs, your qualities which were your administrative success and approval at Albany, cannot fail to be fully appreciated and rewarded at Washington; and that, in your hands, the honor and interests of our great State will have an faithful and efficient guardianship as they have ever received from your distinguished predecessors. Our best wishes for your happiness and success in your new and more responsible sphere in the duties of your high office.

Mr. FENTON replied as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I thank you for these kind words and for the compliment of this call upon me. I am fortunate in having had your friendship and support, and I am grateful for this renewed expression of your confidence.

The Committee then retired, leaving Mr. FENTON to converse with a few friends.

Board of Aldermen.

The Board met yesterday at 2 o'clock, the President, THOMAS COMAN, Esq., in the chair. A resolution was presented and laid over, to pave Waverley-place with the Stafford pavement. A resolution was laid over to pave with Belgian pavement Forty-second-street, from Second-avenue to East River. Several resolutions adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen were sent in to this Board for concurrence, and were laid over, as the concurrence of the latter is merely routine character only, the Board adjourned.

Board of Assistant Aldermen.

This Board also convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the President, JAMES MORAHAN, Esq., in the chair.

A resolution was adopted directing the Comptroller to draw his warrant in favor of St. Luke's Hospital for the sum of $843 61, to pay assessments.

A resolution was adopted to pay the Keepers of public baths for their services, instead of $2 per day, as heretofore.

A resolution was adopted to pay EDWARD VAN RANDT for coaches furnished the various Committees of the Common Council for the year 1868. A resolution was adopted designating one of the penny papers as a corporation paper, to be published in accordance with

charged on another vessel. Howe did not deny the fact that he had taken the money from prisoner, but wanted the Shipping Master to be his agent to keep it safely until the next day, when he was taken and searched. It appeared that the vessel on which he shipped was actually before the Alexander Hamilton.

As to Hanway, Lieutenant Commander testified that he was paid off and rerated with, and gave a release in full for his wages.

HANWAY, J.—There can be no doubt on the proofs that Howe, willfully and maliciously deserted the vessel at Mobile, and thereby forfeited his wages. The case does not show, that on the same occasion, Howe entered in the log book, which it was his statutory duties to do, (Comp. Stat. 1, 1, 1, in the Court, October, 1867) nor is a case made out which can charge the vessel with Howe's clothes. As to Hanway, it appears that the vessel did not owe him so much as was paid to him. Libel dismissed with costs.

For libellants, A. Nash; for claimants, Benedict & Hamilton.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Wells.

THE YALE CASE.

The United States vs. *James and Abraham Yale.*—In this case, in which the defendants are charged with taking the benefit of the Bankruptcy act for the purpose of defrauding their creditors, additional testimony was taken to the effect that defendants made several large purchases of goods, on short credits, of various parties, just before filing their petition in bankruptcy, and that these parties were subsequently unable to obtain any part of the goods or their value.

A further adjournment was then had.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

THE ALLEGED REVENUE BLACKMAILING CASE.

United States vs. *S. J. Tucker.*—The examination in this case was continued yesterday. As previously reported, the defendant, who is an Internal Revenue Inspector, is charged with having, at various times during last month, illegally demanded and received from Thomas F. Ray, proprietor of a distillery at the corner of Thirty-third-street and Tenth-avenue, sums of money, amounting in the aggregate to $70, on promises by defendant that he would not report certain alleged fraudulent transactions in Ray's distillery. The testimony of Henry Ray, brother of the proprietor, was taken, and it was to the effect that the money in question was paid to the defendant as a bribe to induce him to keep silent, but was never made use of to show that Ray was guilty of any offense against the laws of stealing, that relations sprang up between the defendant and Ray, and not from fear of any revelations he could or would make.

An adjournment was then had until to-morrow morning.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 15.

Before Judge Cardozo.

VOTING BY PROXY—MODES TO BE ADHERED TO ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

In the matter of the Petition of John R. Cecil, George Merrill and Jonathan Thorne to set aside an election of Directors of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company.—This case came up before the Court in chambers on an order to show cause why the election of Eugene S. Ballin, Henry Parish and William J. Syms, as three of twelve directors of the Metropolitan Gas-light Company should not be set aside. The election was held on the 11th of January last. There were two tickets. The ticket headed by Cecil was called the second by H. R. Ashburnham. On the first ticket, headed by Ashburnham, on the second Zollikoffer was last. Nine of the names out of twelve were the same on each; but on the Zollikoffer ticket were the names of the petitioners, Cecil, Merrill, and Thorne; and on the other ticket, there were Ballin, Parish, and Syms, who, it appears, were elected. Mr. Zollikoffer, it seems, had proxies for about 10,000 shares of the stock of the Company. There were three inspectors of the election, Messrs. John J. Serrell and Samuel R. Syms, refused to allow Mr. Zollikoffer's vote on any of the proxies, and rejected the votes offered by him to the extent of 10,000. There was one exception to the inspectors for their action, which are as follows: "First, as to the affidavit and the clause in the form of the proxy, that the proxy is to be given by the person in whom said proxy is given, and not upon Ryerson, as the affidavit and the clause in the form of the proxy, and such proxy to be given and not upon Ryerson, as an oath to the same effect, and in cases where the stockholder in whose name the proxy is given, proves the execution of the proxy, the proxy is rejected the same for want of such affidavit. Second. This is was not present at the election, when it was offered, and was not present at the time of the execution of the proxies; and that. That some of the proxies were given in your name, C. C. and that stockholders authorized the proxy to vote as any election of directors; that the proxies were not witnessed, and there was no proof that they had not been used on another election, and that they were transferable if they had been used on another election."

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After a brief argument, the Court took the papers and reserved the decision.

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The failure of the defendants to make payment after the purchase was proven, which it was shown that the entire purchase was about $9,000, of which a cash payment of $1,500 was made, and about the same time Mr. Robinson, borrowed in the neighborhood of $8,000 from his own relatives, and put it at the risk of the business, and that the failure was the result of fraudulent acts on the part of his partner, Anderson, by which Mr. Robinson was a loser equally with himself. It appeared that the firm had failed, and when for defendants to show no more goods, and telegraphed to other creditors in the same effect.

Judge Barrett stated that all this was in the case to be left to the jury, yet the question whether the allegation in the complaint of that the firm of Robinson purchased the goods, he had then existing a preconceived intent dishonest not to pay for them, and gave in a general bad charge, went off to recall to the mind of the jury the circumstances adduced by the respective parties, on the part of plaintiffs to sustain the allegation, and on the part of defendants to disprove it. After a short charge, the jury returned with a verdict in favor of plaintiffs. Their decision was received with evident surprise, both by the Court and those who listened to the testimony in the case.

A. G. Rice for plaintiffs; Luther R. Marsh for defendants.

NOTICE TO THE BAR.

The Common Pleas—General Term—has adjourned over to the first Monday in March for the rendering of decisions.

Common Pleas—Part 1—Judge DALY—has adjourned for the term.

Common Pleas—Part 2—Judge BARRETT—has adjourned until Friday, when the short calendar will be called.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, four trials were held, resulting in convictions. Two sentences were pronounced and three prisoners were discharged. A number of cases were heard and days of trial appointed. Attempts were made in two cases to have postponements, but the Assistant District-Attorney, with the countenance of the Recorder, vigorously insisted on the rule of the Court.

BURGLAR'S TRIAL.

Francis Conklin, jointly indicted with Francis Dilmoy for burglary, pleaded not guilty, and received a trial. Chas. H. Osborn the proprietor of an oyster house at No. 105 West Fourteenth-street, said that on the morning of Dec. 31 he ascertained that his place had been broken open the night before. He said he missed about $5 from his drawer of his counter.

Officer Manning testified to seeing Dilmoy in the vicinity of the place, and to his going from there toward finding the prisoner with him (Dilmoy) in Sixth-avenue.

Officer Cassidy stated that he saw the prisoner at Dilmoy's in Little Sixth-street on the night of the burglary, and assisted in arresting them.

William Pitman, proprietor of No. 217 Sixth-avenue, said he found the doors of his premises unclosed on the morning after the burglary, and found some jewelry in the hall matt his store.

The counsel for the defence introduced evidence of alibi.

After retiring for consultation the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

The counsel for the prisoner moved for a new trial. The motion will be decided this morning.

ATTEMPTED SHOOTING.

Charles Newman, a coarse-looking sailor, received a trial for attempting to shoot Capt. John M. Ferrier, accused of attempting to shoot Capt. John M. Ferrier, at the Captain's office, on the 11th of December. Capt. Ferrier and Capt. Cobb testified that the prisoner came to the Captain's office, at Pier 1, Hudson, being the agency of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, and asked for reinstatement to the Harbor, he having been expelled therefrom. On his request being denied, he said he would shoot, and only prevented by force from discharging it. At office Capt. called and left the prisoner arrested. Mr. Nash, the owner of the pistol, claimed that the indictment was not properly drawn, and the jury could not return a verdict. The Recorder charged the jury that they should return a verdict of guilty of an attempt at assault, if the indictment was not in the form alleged, sustained by the evidence. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault with intent to do bodily harm. The counsel for the prisoner moved an arrest of judgment, which was denied. The prisoner, in mitigation, said he could be understood the prisoner had on a number of occasions been arrested for assaults, and had received terms of imprisonment therefor; the circumstances of the case were aggravated; that he was about an old man like Capt. Ferrier contributing an atrocious offense. He should punish by the most severe penalty of the law, which was five years at hard labor in the State Prison.

A CHARGE OF BURGLARY.

Henry Schultz, jointly indicted with two prisoners, Conklin and Dilmoy, for a burglary committed at No. 12 Dey-street, on Jan. 24, was arraigned. Gottfried Gerling had charge of the store, and Patrick McKay, proprietor of the store, testified that the store was broken open on the night of the burglary, and that goods valued at about $1,400 were missing, including silver plated ware, and Kimball, the officer, said that Officer Cassidy and Kimball met Schultz with Dilmoy, and Conklin with Gerling, and Officer Cassidy said that the prisoner had a bundle in his hand, and that they had not been used on another occasion, and that they were transferable if they had been used on another.

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24,000 do. do.	111½	6,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	111½		
24,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	111½	10,000 do. do.	111½		
20,000 do. do.	111½	20,000 U. S. 5s 10-40 C.	104½		
20,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65	111½	20,000 do. do.	104½		
20,000 do. do.	111½	20,000 do. do.	104½		
11,000 do. do.	111½	10,000 U. S. 6s Cur.	105½		
5,000 do. do.	111½	10,000 do. do.	105½		

SECOND BOARD—3½ P. M.

$8,000 Tenn. 6s	67	200 Adams Express	67½		
1 do. call	67	200 do.	67½		
20,000 La. 6s, Lev. Bds.	65	200 do.	67½		
20,000 Cin. Sd. Ind.	90½	10 Mich. Central	119½		
1 do. Cin. 1st Ind.	90½	100 Mich. Southern	94½		
5,000 do. do. bet. call	88½	20 Chi. & N. W.	84½		
2,000 Mo. Trust, 6s	75	100 Chi. & N. W.	84½		
do.	67	200 Mil. & St. P.	69½		
15,000 do.	67	100 Chi. & Alton	135		
5,000 A. & T. H. 2d Pf.	32½	100 do. 1d call	135		
5,000 Mob. & Ohio 1st M.	75	200 R., Pt. W. & C.	30		
5,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st M.	85	200 do.	30		
1,000 do. Int.	85½	200 do.	30		
10 Fourth Nat. Bank	104	200 do. 1d call	30		
20 Marlboro' Mining	8½	200 do.	30		
200 Marlboro' Pf.	20	100 Chi. & Alton, b s	135½		
100 Canton Co.	41½	100 Chi. & Alt. Pref.	152		
10 West. U. T.	32½	200 R. Isl. & St. L. Pf.	124		
100 do.	32½	100 C. C. & I. C.	99½		
300 Pacific Mail	114½	200 C. C. Cin. & Ind.	77		
100 Hud. R.	126				

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

$5,000 Mo. 6s	67½	100 New-York	133½		
100 Canton Co.	41½	200 do.	133½		
100 do.	41½	200 Reading	46		
24,000 Mariposa Pf.	26½	200 Chic. & Alton	135		
100 do.	26½	100 do.	135		
100 do.	26½	100 do.	134½		
100 do.	26½	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	69		
200 do.	26½	200 Ohio & Miss.	32½		
100 do.	26½	100 do.	32½		
200 do.	26½	40 Clev. & Pitts.	91½		
200 do.	26½	100 do.	91½		
300 Pacific Mail	114½	100 M. St. & N. I.	94½		
100 do.	114½	200 do.	94½		
100 do.	114½	100 do.	94½		
100 West. Un. Tel.	77½	200 Ill. Central	119½		
100 do.	77½	200 Clev. & Tol.	103½		
100 do.	77½	100 do.	103½		
100 N. Y. Cen.	128	200 do.	103½		
100 do.	128	200 Clev. & Pitts.	91½		
100 do.	128	100 Chi. & N. W.	84½		
644 M. & St. P.	69½	200 Lake Shore R.	105		
100 do.	69½	100 Chi. & N. W.	83½		
100 do.	69½	100 do.	83½		
100 do.	69½	200 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	91½		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 Mo. 6s	68	100 Hudson	126½		
100 Canton	41½	200 Reading	46		
100 do.	41	100 T. W. & W.	26½		
100 Mariposa Pf.	26½	100 Fort Wayne	91½		
100 do.	26½	100 do.	91½		
100 do.	26½	200 do.	91½		
100 Adams Ex.	67	200 Ohio & Miss.	32½		
100 do.	67	100 do.	32½		
200 Pacific Mail	114½	200 M. St. & N. I.	94½		
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100 West. Un. Tel.	77½	200 Ill. Central	119½		
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100 N. Y. Cen.	128	200 do.	103½		
100 do.	128	200 Clev. & Pitts.	91½		
100 do.	128	100 Chi. & N. W.	84½		
100 Mil. & St. P. Pref.	70½	100 Chi. & N. W.	83½		
100 do.	70½	200 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	91½		

SECOND BOARD—3½ P. M.

$20,000 La. 6s Lev. Bs.	64	200 Mil. & St. Paul	69		
100 Canton	41½	50 do.	69½		
200 Mar. Pf.	30	200 do.	69½		
100 do.	30	200 do.	69½		
100 Adams Ex.	68½	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	70		
200 Pacific Mail	114½	100 Ohio & Miss.	33		
100 West. U. T.	77½	200 do.	33		
200 N. Y. Central	128	200 Mich. S. & N. I.	94½		
100 do.	128	100 do.	94½		
100 do.	128	200 Clev. & Pitts.	91½		
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100 Reading	46½	100 Chi. & N. W.	84½		
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200 T. W. & W.	26½				

MONDAY, Feb. 15—P. M.

The Wall-street and Stock Exchange excitement to-day was the continued rapid rise in the Public Funds of the United States, stimulated by higher cable quotations for 5-20s from Frankfort and London, and by a well-directed and vigorous *Bull* account, on the part of several of the heavy dealers in this market. The business of the day was large to nearly all descriptions. The extreme advance from Saturday's last sales up to the 3:45 P. M. Government Board was nearly one per cent. After this Board adjourned there was some inclination, on the part of the holders who had been watching for top rates to sell, induced by the appearance, near the close of Bank hours, of an active inquiry for Money among the Brokers. The reaction is 5-20s was ¼@¾ ⅌ cent., and in some instances, where sales were pressed, ½ ⅌ cent. from the highest quotations of the day. The Street demand for Money, referred to, is traced to the difficulty of placing Foreign Exchange, which made some of the German Banking firms, who are usually free lenders, comparatively poor. They have been executing very large orders for the United States Funds since Thursday and Friday of last week, in advance of their sales of Exchange, and, although ready to accept cheap rates to-day, the wants of the market are found to be out of all proportion to the large and varied supply of Bills, both 60 days and short sight. The latter sold at 109¾@109¾ ⅌ cent. on London, and a leading house drew 60 days at 109 ⅌ cent. Another cause for the firmness in Money at 6@7 ⅌ cent. and the extra demand developed this Afternoon, is found in the condition of the Gold Room, which continues quite stubborn at about 135¾ ⅌ cent. against a free supply of Gold Coin and of declining Exchanges. The party operating for the rise pay full rates for Money to carry over their balances, and it is proper to add that they continue to show unusual confidence both in opinion and action, though in the highest apparently, of the full interest in other departments of the Exchange.

On the Stock Exchange, aside from the excitement in the Funds of the United States, the markets were tame. The Southern State Bonds were partially better than on Saturday, on a moderate business, and there was some stir early in the day in Pacific Mail Shares, among the miscellaneous stocks, but the Railways, New-York be well at the Western Bonds, were unqualifiedly dull and spiritless. At the same time there was no decided yielding in prices, and most of the operators of the Street seem to be at fault as to the probable course of the market for a week or two to come. The prominent *Bull* cliques in the Western Stocks make no sign of increasing their own holdings, and are doubtless convinced of the impossibility of realizing to any sensible extent at present figures, some of which have come to be regarded on the Street as much too high to tempt new buyers. The New-York Stocks, like Central, Hudson and Harlem, sympathize in this questionable temper of speculation, and share in the dullness of the market.

After the late Boards the following quotations, (bidding prices,) were made on the Street as compared with Saturday night: U. S. 5-20s of 1862, after selling at 111, closed at 111¾ ⅌ cent.; [illegible]

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 10-40s	109¾	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	111¼	111¾
United States 5-20s of 1867	110¾	111¾
American Gold Coin	135	135¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109
New Bonds of Tennessee	66¾	67
Virginia Bonds, old	56¾	57¾
Missouri Bonds	88	88
North Carolina Bonds, old	60¾	60¾
New-York Central	128¼	128¾
Reading Railway	46¾	46¼
Chicago and Rock Island	131¼	130¾
Northwest Common	69¾	69¾
Northwest Preferred	81¾	81¾
Michigan Southern	94	94¾
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	116¾	116¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	91¾	91¼
Pacific Mail Company	114¾	113¾
St. Paul Preferred	69¾	70
St. Paul Common	68¾	68¾
Toledo and Wabash	40	40
Cleveland and Toledo	105¾	105¾
Ohio and Mississippi	33¾	33¾

The following bids were made for the Public Funds of the United States, at the close of business:

6's coup. 1881	113¾	5's coup. 1881	111¾
6's coup. 1882	113	5's coup. 1882	111
6's coup. 1884	113¾	5's coup. 1884	111¾
6's coup. 1885	113¾	5's coup. 1885	111¾
6's coup. 1886	113¾	5's coup. 1886	111¾
6's coup. 1887	113	5's coup. 1887	111
6's coup. 1888	113¾	5's coup. 1888	111¾
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6's coup. 1890	113¾	5's coup. 1890	111¾
6's coup. 1891	113¾	5's coup. 1891	111¾
6's coup. 1892	113¾	5's coup. 1892	111¾
6's coup. 1893	113¾	5's coup. 1893	111¾
6's coup. 1894	113¾	10-40 Coupons	110¾
6's coup. 1895	113¾	6's Currency	110¾

And the following for the State Bonds:

N. Y. Reg. 6's Loan	108¾	Ill. 6's Coupons	75
N. Y. Coupon Loan	107¾	Ill. 6's Bonds	75
N. Y. 6's Canal	70	Ill. 6's Water Loan	100
N. Y. 6's Canal	72	Tenn. 6's Old	67¾
N. Y. 6's Canal	73	Tenn. 6's Coupons	67¾
N. Y. 6's Canal	74	Virginia 6's Coupons	56¾
N. Y. 6's Canal	75	Virginia 6's New Issue	56¾
N. Y. 6's Canal	76	Virginia 6's Deferred	11
N. Y. 6's Canal	77	Georgia 6's, new bds.	80
Ohio 6's Coupons	100	Georgia 6's, old bds.	80
Ohio 6's Coupons	100	North Car. 6's, new bds.	60¾
Ohio 6's Coupons	100	North Car. 6's, old bds.	60¾
Ohio 6's Coupons	100	Missouri 6's, A & B issue	88
Ill. Canal bds. reg.	90	Missouri 6's, C issue	88
Ill. 6's Coupons	75	Louisiana 6's new issue	70
Ill. 6's Coupons	75	California 6's	75
Ill. 6's Coupons	75	Connecticut 6's	100
Ill. 6's Coupons	75	Alabama 5's	60
Ill. 6's Coupons	75	Alabama 8's	60

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	136	Irving	102
Manhattan	136	Metropolitan	122
Mechanics'	137	Shoe and Leather	120
Mechanics' Union	73	Phenix	102
Phenix	73	Continental	98
Mechanics' & Traders'	78	St. Nicholas	100
National	110	Imp. and Traders'	122¾
Seventh Ward	113	Park	115
State of New-York	114¾	Manufrs' and Mechs.	114¾
Commerce	127¾	Central National	108
Ocean	104	Fourth National	108¾
American Exchange	115¾	Ninth National	100
Bank of the Republic	117¾	Tenth National	90
Hanover	109		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, sink.	95¾	Lack. & Western bds.	91
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	97	Tol. & W. Equip. bds.	77
N. Y. C. 7s, 1887	108	Ill. Cent. 7s, sterling	104¾
N. Y. C. 7s, 1887	108	Ill. & Chi. 1st M.	90
Erie 1st M. ext.	90	Ill. & Chi. Sinking Fd.	77
Erie 2d M. ext.	90	Ill. & Chi. Extended	67¾
Erie 3d M. ext.	90	Ill. & Chi. Sterling	67¾
Erie 7s, 2d Ind. Con.	97	M. S. Cen. 1st M. 7s	90
Erie 7s, 2d M. S. F.	102	Morris & Essex 1st M.	97
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Rich. C. & P. 7s, '89-'91	75	E. R. Ver. & G. 1st M.	103¾
Rich. Cin. 1st M. 8s	110	Clev. & P. 2d M.	90
C. R. & Q. 8s, 1st M.	111¾	Clev. & P. 2d M.	90
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90	Clev. & P. 2d M.	90
H. & S. J. 1st M. 7s	102	Chi. & Alton 1st M.	100
Ill. Cen. 7s, 1st M.	102	Chi. & Alton 1st M.	100
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	90	Ohio & Miss. 1st M.	93
Alton & T. H. 2d M.	40	Ohio & Miss. 1st M.	93
Alton & T. H. 2d M.	40	Mil. & St. P. 1st M.	91¾
Chi. & N. W. S. Fund	75	Mil. & St. P. 1st M.	91¾
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90¾	Mil. & St. P. Pref. 2d M.	91¾
Chi. Pacific cont. coll.	90¾	Mil. & St. P. C. & M. C.	91
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90¾	Mil. & St. P. C. & M. C.	91
Hann. & St. Jo. con.

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Amusements this Evening.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
ORPHEE AUX ENFERS. Characters by Mlle. Tostee, Mlle. Desiee, Mlle. Delphine, Mlle. Cadie, Mesars. Dave, Leduc, Duschesne, Gridon, Lagriffoul, and others.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner of 6th-av.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Mark Smith, Adams, T. J. Hind, Mosten, Norris, Miss Mary McVicker, Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Proctor, and others.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Gilbert, Fisher, Stoddart, Ringgold, Miss Rose Eytinge, Mrs. Clara Jennings, Miss Annie Ward and others.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
24th-st., near 6th-av.
AN IRISH STEW and THE DRAMATIC REVIEW FOR 1868. Characters by Mr. John Brougham, Mr. Stoddart, Miss Newton, Miss Fisher and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
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FRENCH THEATRE.
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GENEVIEVE. Characters by Mme. Rose-Bell, Mme. Desclauzas, Mlle. Risevell, Messrs. Carrier-Bourgoin, Beckers, Genot, Petit and others.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A serious difficulty recently occurred at Swatow, China, between the natives and some sailors of the British gunboat *Grasshopper*. The sailors made a desperate fight, killing and wounding a number of their adversaries, but were finally overpowered and driven to their boats. Eleven of their number were wounded.

The new Ministry of Greece has countermanded the recent instructions to the army and navy to prepare for war.

The Mikado of Japan recently received at Yeddo the representatives of foreign Powers, and expressed a desire to maintain peaceful relations with them.

A dispatch from London says that it is officially announced that the insurgent Cretan leaders have all submitted to Turkish authority, and that the island is now tranquil.

The reported evacuation of Asuncion by the Paraguayan army, and subsequent flight of President LOPEZ, is confirmed by later advices from Rio Janeiro.

CONGRESS.

Mr. MORGAN presented to the Senate yesterday the remonstrance of citizens of New-York against the erection of a bridge over the East River, unless it be so such an elevation as to leave navigation entirely unobstructed. Mr. MORTON, from the Select Committee appointed to notify the President and Vice-President elect of their election, submitted their answers accepting the offices to which they had been chosen. The bill to authorize the payment of officers appointed in the Southern States and employed in the revenue service who could not take the test oath, was taken up. Mr. SAWYER advocated the bill, claiming that as the officers had done the service required they were entitled to the pay. After a lengthy debate the further consideration of the subject was postponed. A brief debate on the Indian Appropriation bill followed, after which a recess till evening was taken. Some debate took place at the evening session upon the bill to repeal the Usury laws of the District of Columbia, but the discussion was interrupted by the application of the House for a Conference Committee on the suffrage amendment. This also caused debate, which resulted in both subjects being laid aside. Some miscellaneous and unimportant business was transacted, and the Senate adjourned.

In the House a large number of bills and resolutions for reference were introduced under the call of States, and referred to appropriate committees. Numerous resolutions, petitions and memorials were disposed of in like manner. Mr. BROOKS, on a question of privilege, moved to discharge without costs, FLORENCE SCANNELL, the witness who is under arrest for having refused to testify before the Committee on Election Frauds. Mr. BROOKS sent to the Clerk's desk the petition of Mr. SCANNELL, setting forth that he intended no disrespect to the House; that he was not the owner of a trotting-horse, and that he did own a diamond pin, but did not like to pawn it to get money to pay the costs charged against him. Mr. COVODE made the point of order that the petition was not respectful, and the Speaker sustained the point. Mr. WARD objected to Mr. BROOKS being allowed to proceed, as he had incorporated the disrespectful portion in his speech. The House sustained the objection, and Mr. BROOKS' motion was laid on the table. The Senate amendments to the joint resolution relative to the suffrage amendments were taken from the table. After some debate the amendments were non-concurred in, and a Committee of Conference asked for. The acceptance of Gen. GRANT and Speaker COLFAX of the offices of President and Vice-President-elect was reported by the Select Committee. Some debate, followed on a bill reported by the Reconstruction Committee, relieving a large number of persons from legal and political disabilities, but without disposing of it the House took a recess till evening. The Internal Revenue bill was debated at length in the evening session, but without disposing of it the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

The Cuban authorities have declared the City of Trinidad to be in a state of siege. A battle is reported to have taken place recently near Manzanilla, in which, according to official reports, the insurrectionists were defeated.

On Friday last a man and his wife, who live near St. Louis, went to the city on business, leaving their little boy eight years of age at home with the hired man. On their return they found their house had been robbed, and a short search revealed the dead body of the boy, covered up under a pile of corn and a couple of sacks of wheat. He had been smothered to death. His hands and feet had been tied, and the wheat thrown over him. The hired man is missing, and is supposed to be the thief and murderer.

At Milton, Del., on Wednesday evening last, a large audience assembled in the large room of the Academy to listen to a Glee Club. Shortly after they were seated the floor gave way and the audience were precipitated amid the ruins to the floor below. Fortunately no one was killed, and but two or three persons seriously injured.

A suit is now being tried in Chicago involving property valued at a $1,500,000. CARL GOTTFRIED UHLICH died intestate some time since, directing $99,000 to be paid to his eldest son, HENRY, with whom he had previously quarreled, and a monthly allowance to his second son, who was of weak intellect. The remainder he directed should be divided between his youngest son and a man named MUHLER. HENRY sues to recover from MUHLER, alleging that he exercised undue influence over the deceased. The case attracts much attention in Chicago.

Chicago has got rid of 807,954 of its hogs this season.

A heavy snow-storm prevailed in Canada yesterday, blockading the railroads and interrupting travel. The last snow-storm there cost the Grand Trunk Railroad $100,000.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, Chief Justice CHASE, delivering the opinion, decided that gold contracts must be satisfied with coin. Where the kind of currency is not mentioned, then legal tenders are as lawful in such connection. Messrs. DAVIS and SWAYNE gave their qualified consent, but Mr. MILLER dissented in great measure from the opinion.

The death of JAMES DOYLE, the Philadelphian lawyer, who was found insensible in the street on Sunday morning, is ascertained to have been caused by an accidental fall while intoxicated.

United States Senator MORGAN, of New-York, obtained a judgment in the Circuit Court at St. Louis, on Saturday, against G. W. THATCHER, for $97,000.

A mass meeting was held at Cooper Institute, last evening, to impress upon the Federal Government the necessity of taking steps to secure the release of American citizens now in English prisons on charges of complicity with Fenianism in America. Speeches were made by Mayor HALL, District-Attorney GARVIN, J. A. MCCAFFREY, Gen. O'NEIL, and others, and a committee was appointed to go to Washington to press the matter upon Congress.

It is reported that two gentlemen of this City are to ride a velocipede race from here to Chicago for a wager of $1,000 a side. No time is fixed as yet within which the feat is to be accomplished.

The books for the new Coöperative Society of striking printers were opened yesterday at No. 62 East Broadway, and 900 shares were subscribed for at $10 each. The clothing cutters on strike met again last evening, received reports, and announced a mass meeting at No. 10 Stanton-street for Thursday evening. The sailors on strike will meet to-night at Botanic Hall, No. 63 East Broadway.

Gen. EGBERT L. VIELE has furnished the Mayor with an interesting report on the condition of the public markets, with valuable suggestions for their improvement.

Cotton was quite dull yesterday at drooping prices. Breadstuffs were generally slow of sale, though prices favored buyers. Provisions were quiet, but not notably altered in values. Groceries, in fair request. Freights, dull.

Transactions at the cattle-yards were decidedly dull yesterday. Prices ranged from 8c. @ 8½c. ℔ lb., net weight. Only an occasional bullock was sold for over 16c. Most of the sales were made at about 13c. @ 15c. ℔ lb., while hundreds did not bring 12c. Prices of cattle are declining. Trade in sheep is fairly active, with prices unchanged. Common to fair sheep sell from 4½c. @ 6c. ℔ lb., live weight. The best sheep 6½c. @ 7½c. ℔ lb., with a few selected prime, grain-fed sheep at 7½c. @ 8c. ℔ lb., live weight. The swine market is dull, with prices declining. Prime corn-fed, 11c. @ 11½c. ℔ lb., live weight. Dressed, 14c. @ 15c., with a few selected above these figures. Common hogs ½c. @ 1c. ℔ lb. less than these rates. Prices for milch cows are maintained at satisfactory rates. There is a fair demand for new milch cows. Some prime cows were sold for over $100 each. Common cows, $70 @ $80 ℔ head.

The Tenure-of-Office Law.

Gen. GRANT has made public proclamation of his purpose to clear the Civil Service of the thieves and imbeciles who have failed to collect the revenue, or have put it into their own pockets instead of the Treasury. He has declared that he will make removals from office to accomplish this result.

But by himself he cannot do this. The law forbids it. He has no power to remove any office-holder, no matter how flagrant his dishonesty or his incapacity; he can only *suspend* him and await the approval of the Senate. In his speech the other day all he could do was to promise reform, with the *concurrence of the Senate*. As things stand now, Mr. SUMNER's assertion is true; the Senate is the Government. It has taken upon itself some of the most important of the functions of the Executive, and especially its control over the subordinate officers of the civil administration.

Will the Senate *aid* Gen. GRANT in reforming the Civil Service, or will it obstruct him in his efforts? No one thing tended more strongly to defeat Senator MORGAN's reflection, than the belief that he would keep in office the Federal office-holders of this City and State, who have secured their appointments through his influence, and who have proved their unfitness for their positions. Gov. FENTON was sent in his place, very largely because he was a new man, much more likely to aid Gen. GRANT in making the removals he may find essential, than to oppose and obstruct him.

The experience with the Senate, thus far, in its control of Executive appointments, has not been encouraging. We believe that there has not yet been a single case in which the Senate has "approved" the removal or suspension of a single office-holder, if he happened to be a member of the dominant party. Revenue officers have been convicted by the Courts of crime, have been sentenced and have actually gone to the Penitentiary, and have yet been kept in office by the refusal or failure of the Senate to approve their removal. It is impossible that a numerous body like the Senate should perform executive duties of this kind with vigor, energy and a proper sense of responsibility. And, as our experience proves, the chances are ten to one that party sympathies and party interests will control its executive action in all cases where the removal of party favorites is concerned.

The Tenure-of-Office law ought to be repealed. It can serve no other purpose now than to prevent Gen. GRANT from making the removals which he may deem essential to the public service. The Senate has full control over his appointments. They must be submitted to its consent and approval; what more do Senators require? If the President can make no removals,—if in every case of suspension from office he must send his reasons to the Senate, and they must be submitted to the investigations of a committee, and then to the ordeal of the Senate itself, it is clear that practically his power of removal amounts to nothing. The delays and uncertainties surrounding it,—the chances of thwarting his action by the Senate's vote,—will be so great as to deprive it of all terror and all effect.

If the Senate intends to aid Gen. GRANT in his efforts for civil reform, let it repeal the Tenure-of-Office bill, by which it has tied his hands.

Life Insurance as an Investment—Result of Mismanagement.

The remark of a correspondent, that the value of life insurance as an investment "is the vital point in the whole discussion," is true only with material qualifications. It is not at all correct, considering the term "investment" in its ordinary mercantile sense. Its force and applicability depend upon a just conception of insurance as a provident system, with life-contingencies as an essential element. Thus understood, the comparison instituted between stock and mutual plans, in the letter we published on Sunday, is irrelevant and fallacious.

The truth is, that life insurance has none of the characteristics of a good "investment." WEBSTER defines the latter to be "the laying out of money in the purchase of some species of property, usually of a permanent nature." An investment, to be good, must be fixed and tangible. It should at all times be subject to the control of the investor. He must have a reasonable certainty of being able, in ordinary circumstances, to realize not less than the cost. There must be an assurance of growth, moreover, either in the shape of income, admitting of reinvestment, or of appreciated value. Now, these conditions are not fulfilled by life insurance. The insured surrenders the control of the money paid as premiums to a company in consideration of value hereafter to be rendered. He cannot realize at will the amount he has paid; the most he can demand is the surrender value, in cash, of a policy after it has run a specific period, or an agreement to repay the amount of his premiums when he dies. By what is known as "endowment insurance," he may indeed secure the payment of the sum insured on reaching a given age, or sooner if he die; but this is profitably available only for young lives, and is very different from a genuine investment. Taking all things into account, then, we think that no shrewd investor will, for the mere purpose of investment, seek the intervention of an insurance company in the management of his money. He can secure almost certain profits in other directions, with the advantage of being all the time master of his own means, instead of being dependent upon the judgment, integrity, vigilance and success of a corporation, in whose direction he has no voice.

The case is not altered by the prominence which companies and their agents give to the "investment" aspect of their business. The fact that they systematically urge the profitableness of insurance simply as an investment, shows how far both ignore the real character and merits of insurance, and presume upon the ignorance and credulity of the public. It is this tendency to exaggerate the factitious features of the system which brings it into disrepute among intelligent inquirers. Emphasis is placed, for example, upon alleged enormous "profits," which are for the most part predicated upon a delusion; while the investment plea is urged on grounds which may mislead for the moment, but in the end not seldom produce dissatisfaction and disgust.

Life insurance derives its title to approval and support from its efficacy as a provident agency, and from this alone. It is one of the safest and most beneficent applications of the principle of association; a means by which combination enables individuals to make provision against the contingency of death, to an extent and with a certainty not otherwise attainable. If men were sure of life for a known period, and were also sure of their ability during that period annually to invest the equivalent of an insurance premium, insurance itself would be unnecessary. Every one might then accumulate on his own account. But the uncertainty of life, estimated individually, renders expedient other methods of providing for the possible necessities of widows and orphans. Though the law of mortality, taking men in the aggregate, is so well fixed that there is no hazard or difficulty in covering the average yearly death rate, yet the individual risk is always imminent. And here life insurance comes in with its wise and merciful facilities for assuaging the hardships and sorrows incident to unexpected death. From the moment of insurance, the interests of a family are as effectually protected as they could be after years of steady accumulation. The man may die at any moment thereafter, but insurance has enabled him to guard those he loves against the horrors of sudden and helpless poverty. From this point of view the system is admirable. It enables all in good health, and with proper expectation of life, to lay up a store that is available when most required. It is essentially a provident—as distinguished from a speculative or "investment"—system; a system which stimulates habits of thrift, and averts more suffering than any other human agency.

There are other and not less legitimate applications of the principle, as where insurance serves the purpose of collateral security, or enables a person to provide for his own old age through the medium of an annuity or endowment insurance. But the provident principle pervades them all, and constitutes the strong ground which a judicious and truthful agent will never abandon in his efforts to acquire business. Only when this characteristic shall be kept constantly in view, will companies be able to dispense with the meretricious pretensions now so common.

To these pretensions, coupled with a vicious practice which has crept into the payment of agents' commission, may in no small degree be ascribed the large proportion of lapsed policies—policies which are dropped after the payment of premiums without the receipt of money compensation from the company. Under the best management there will always be more or less of these policies. Inability to continue the payment of premiums, the termination of the necessity which originally suggested insurance, and other causes, will inevitably lead to the abandonment of some policies. But the percentage thus abandoned should be comparatively small. That it here acquires undue proportions is, we believe, attributable to two circumstances arising out of corporate mismanagement: one, the misrepresentation employed in the acquisition of business; the other, the failure to identify the interest of the agent who obtains the business with its continuance.

When persons are induced to join an insurance company by exaggerated statements concerning the value of insurance as an investment, or the early and constant acquisition of what are miscalled profits, they are not unlikely, sooner or later, to declare themselves deceived. The charms of the "investment," regarded solely as such, vanish after a little experience; and under the same rude teaching, the agent's version of profits is unpleasantly corrected. The first impulse of one who discovers that he has miscalculated is to suffer his policy to lapse. He is content to lose what he has paid, but he will pay no more. The number of losses from this cause is undoubtedly considerable. And the remedy is to be sought in the adoption of greater candor and more exact truthfulness on the part of companies and those whom they control. Let insurance be presented in its provident aspect, and its hold will be strong. Those who so regard it when insuring their lives will be very likely to keep up their policies, for they are actuated by duty as well as by an enlightened interest.

But further, the agents who procure insurances must be made to benefit by their continuance. At present, in the majority of instances, they have no concern in the keeping up of policies. They receive an enormous, and what we may term a capitalized commission, out of the first premium; and there their interest ends. A sound practice, on the contrary, would make their recompense contingent upon the maintenance of policies, by abolishing the costly commission now paid at the outset, and, instead, paying a small commission out of the annual renewals. By the latter method the agent would be pecuniarily interested in keeping alive policies; whereas at present he rarely troubles himself except to obtain new policies. His gains depend more upon new business than upon the duration of old business—which is a cardinal blunder. The adoption of a better system might have the effect of reducing the number of policies annually issued by certain companies, but it would confer upon them a more durable prosperity, and avert the mortification and hardship incident to thousands of lapsed policies.

The relative cost and profits of insurance, under different plans, are a branch of the subject which must be separately discussed.

Coin Contracts—An Important Decision by the Supreme Court.

The question as to the payment of coin contracts made prior to the passage of the Legal-tender act, was yesterday decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. The decision was that such contracts must be satisfied in coin. As the matter is one of very great public interest and importance, we may give an outline of the case which called forth this decision.

In December, 1861, CHRISTIAN METZ and wife executed to FREDERICK BRONSON a mortgage upon certain lands in Erie County, New-York, to secure the payment of $1,400 on the 1st day of January, 1867, "in gold and silver coin, lawful money of the United States," with interest semi-annually, "in coin, as aforesaid." In March, 1863, the mortgaged premises were conveyed to PETER ROHDE, who assumed the payment of the mortgage and paid the interest thereon as it accrued, up to and including the interest due Jan. 1, 1864.

On the 10th of January, 1865, RODHE tendered to BRONSON $1,307 in United States *legal-tender notes*, and requested him to accept this payment in satisfaction of the mortgage and to execute a discharge. This BRONSON refused to do, claiming that the mortgage should be paid in *gold or silver coin*. At the time the offer was made the market value in this City of legal-tender notes, as compared with gold or silver coin, was one to two and twenty-five one-hundredths. RODHE thereupon commenced action to obtain a judgment that the mortgage be satisfied. The cause was tried in Erie County before Justice GROVER, who rendered judgment *dismissing the complaint with costs*, holding that the plaintiff had not made tender according to contract, and that he was not therefore entitled to the relief sought. On appeal to the General Term, in this State, that judgment was reversed and a judgment directed in accordance with the prayer of the complaint; and this judgment was subsequently affirmed by the Court of Appeals of New-York.

In this state of facts BRONSON, in January of last year, carried the case to the United States Supreme Court. He contended that the mortgagor, Mr. RODHE, having, for a valuable and adequate consideration, engaged to pay $1,400 "in gold or silver coin," as the condition of discharging his land from the lien of the mortgage, he was compelled to show, in order to sustain his action, that he had performed or had offered to perform his contract as stipulated, or had been prevented from performing it by the defendant, to entitle himself to the relief demanded.

RODHE maintained the theory of the General Term and Court of Appeals of this State, contending that the real intention of the parties was to secure the payment of the mortgage "in lawful money," and that Congress was possessed of power to pass the act in question, (the Legal-tender act,) and the Court should enforce it.

The decision yesterday rendered by Chief Justice CHASE, is the conclusion of this protracted series of litigations.

It is not probable that the cases of which this is to serve as precedent are very numerous. For it will be observed that the decision applies only to such contracts, made before the passage of the Legal-tender act, as were made *specifically payable in coin*; when the kind of currency is not mentioned, then "legal tenders" are lawful money in such connection.

The judgment may produce some disturbance in mercantile and moneyed circles, and may give rise to some further litigation, but its justice cannot be questioned. The Legal-tender act would seem to have been a necessity of the war-time, and we expect to see its constitutionality affirmed; but a grievous wrong was committed when the State Courts made the enactment of this law a reason for invading the sanctity of contracts previously in existence. Where silence was observed in regard to the nature of the payment, greenbacks were properly available as legal tender. In other cases, where gold was promised, payment in gold should have been enforced. The Supreme Court has now invested the equitable view with the binding force of law.

This proceeding to some extent renders unnecessary the measure pending in Congress for the legalization of gold contracts. We now know that they are already legal, and therefore obligatory. Some legislation is still necessary, however, to provide against the possible abuse of opportunities when two kinds of currency are brought into play.

A Proposed Board of Wharves and Piers for New-York.

No city in the world has finer approaches than New-York, and none could turn them to more advantage. Situated at the head of a magnificent bay, and washed on two sides by broad rivers, its water-front presents unequaled facilities for the display of splendid commercial architecture. But we turn the worst side to the world. Instead of a line of wharves and piers of approved model and substantial material, suited to the requirements of its vast commerce, the City presents a front of wretched, tumble-down wooden structures, that lack even the merit of cheapness to palliate their ugliness and inutility.

To remedy this state of things, but moved by commercial rather than æsthetic considerations, the Citizens' Association has prepared and brought before the Legislature a bill, which will be found in another column, for the establishment of a Board of Wharves and Piers for the Harbor of New-York, which appears to be, in the main, a just and practicable measure. It provides for the consolidation of New-York and Brooklyn into one harbor district, in which the entire water-front of both cities shall be under the control and supervision of a Board composed of thirteen members, to which the Mayors of New-York and Brooklyn and the Comptroller of the former City shall belong. This will bring all the wharves and piers of both cities under the supervision of one body of men, while the provisions of the bill are so drawn that no unnecessary burden shall be laid on private capital and enterprise. The bill gives the Board control in those matter only where such control is absolutely essential to the commercial welfare of the City. Another good feature of the proposed measure is that it creates no debt. No bonds will have to be issued to carry on the work. No costly jobs will be undertaken, for the benefit of contractors. The entire expense of the Board is to be limited to the sum of $50,000 per annum, and this is to be expended under the sanction of some of our most responsible merchants. The fact that the bill presents such paltry opportunities for pilfering, may not commend it to favorable notice at Albany; but it has the active support of the leading commercial interests of New-York, and ought to receive the prompt attention of the Legislature.

Obstructing the Streets.

The streets and open places of the City are designed for the use of the public. But it seems to be the practice to allow individuals to seize, and obstruct and use them, almost at pleasure, for their own private and personal advantage. The extent to which this practice is carried in every part of the City is disgraceful. The City Hall Park, and the sidewalks which surround it, are almost wholly blocked by the shanties which have been built upon them, for the accommodation of apple-women, peanut venders, and the employes of the City Railroads. At the lower end of the park, the space is almost wholly monopolized in this way.

We believe the Common Council a year or two since gave the Mayor the right thus to give away the streets, sidewalks and public places of the City, at his discretion. The principle of the ordinance was dangerous and discreditable, and, as might have been foreseen, it has been grossly abused. There is scarcely an open place, or a sidewalk, or a street, in the City, especially in the more crowded parts of it, that has not been withdrawn from the public use for which it was intended, and awarded to private parties who thus get the privilege of doing business without paying rent.

The projection of porches and signs,—the constructing of stairway entrances to basements, the use of the walks for dry-goods boxes and of the streets for bricks and lumber used in building, and the conversion of the streets into stables, where carts, trucks and vehicles of all kinds are stored when not in use, are all parts of the same abuse,—which is growing to be a flagrant and intolerable nuisance.

The whole City is complaining of the want of street room, and of sidewalk accommodation. Our streets are too narrow,—the railroads make them still less available for all other kinds of traffic;—the sidewalks of our great thoroughfares are all too narrow to accommodate the pedestrians who traverse them. Yet we deliberately allow them to be made still narrower, and to be withdrawn more and more from the use of the public, for the benefit of private persons who want the *profits* of trade without its expenses.

This is all wrong and ought to be corrected. These privileges of encroaching on the public streets for private business ought no longer to be granted, and those that have been granted ought to be withdrawn. It is the business of the City authorities to see that the public convenience is promoted,—not obstructed.

The Darien Canal—Success of Mr. Caleb Cushing's Mission.

Gen. CUSHING not only finished his business at Bogota within a fortnight, but was so completely successful as to bring back with him the desired treaty itself, (the finest Valentine of the season,) which he laid before Mr. SEWARD last Sunday.

In other words, every political obstacle to the construction of a great interoceanic ship-canal across the Isthmus of Darien is now removed; it remains only to attack the physical obstacles forthwith, and, vast as these are, we may predict that they will assuredly yield to the devices of modern engineering.

Ten years hence the wonder will be, not that the ship-canal is made, but that it was not made before. Ten years hence there will probably be two canals instead of *one* piercing the narrow strait. Indeed, it is said that an agent of the Nicaraguan Government some time ago concluded an agreement in Paris for the construction of an interoceanic canal through Nicaragua. If so, we shall now have a race between Yankee and Frenchman for the great prize; and, meanwhile, we hear the English railroad scheme matched by a private American railroad enterprise, which has secured aid and concessions from Costa Rica. So, in fine, with an interoceanic ship-canal through the possessions of New-Grenada, and another through Nicaragua, and with a new interoceanic railroad through Honduras, and another through Costa Rica, and with all four enterprises moving on together, who shall say to what extent the isthmus will not be riddled with canals and belted with railroads within the ten or twenty years to come?

The purpose of the mission of Gen. CUSHING to Bogota was to secure from the Government of New-Grenada the privilege of making further surveys by the United States Government, and also, if possible, to secure a right of way across the isthmus. It is understood that both these objects have been accomplished; that not only the privilege of survey has been granted, but that a right, secured by treaty, has been negotiated with New-Grenada, to construct the interoceanic canal over such route as the engineers of the Government may deem proper, after their surveys are concluded.

This task the Government may itself undertake, or may authorize by act of Congress a private company to do. One such company was incorporated last year by the Legislature of New-York, including such well-known capitalists and constructors as Peter Cooper, Cyrus Butler, W. T. Coleman, Marshall O. Roberts, F. M. Kelley, C. K. Garrison, F. A. Conkling, W. H. Vanderbilt, and others, who have since become fully organized under their charter as a joint stock company for constructing a ship-canal.

The next step in the practical solution of the problem is the selection of the route—a matter to be determined by careful surveys. The entire isthmus, from Guatemala, or, indeed, for that matter, even from Tehuantepec down into New-Grenada, has been examined for that purpose; but, as we have already said, the attention of American engineers has been chiefly fixed upon two routes, of which one runs from the Gulf of San Miguel to Caledonia Bay, and the other from the Bayone River to the Gulf of San Blas.

Of these two routes, the former was suggested nearly twenty years ago, and surveyed partially by an English engineer, Mr. GISBORNE. It has been pronounced entirely practicable, and will justify further and complete survey. The latter route has been repeatedly and accurately surveyed by Mr. F. M. KELLEY, (so late as 1864,) and found to be entirely feasible, and to possess some manifest advantages. Among others, it leads from and to deep and spacious harbors, and would require but thirty miles of ship canal to complete the whole work. It is true that the enormous barrier of the Cordilleras is interposed here as elsewhere, but it has been proposed to cut through them by a tunnel seven miles long, 100 feet wide and 115 feet high, which would not only allow steamers, of course, to pass, but even a first-class man-of-war, with her topmast and topgallantmast struck and her yards braced.

Three years ago, Congress appropriated $40,000 for a Government survey of the two routes just mentioned, in order to decide which of the two is the more practicable. We may well congratulate the country that the isthmus interoceanic canal is to be made under American auspices, and controlled by our countrymen. As a conduit of the world's commerce, its value is beyond estimate.

MINOR TOPICS.

Yesterday was a notable day in the Wall-street dealings in the Public Funds, which were in unusually urgent demand on home and foreign investment, as well as on speculative account. The transactions in the more active issues were of extraordinary magnitude at prices which showed an advance of from ⅛ and 1⅛ per cent, as compared with Saturday forenoon's quotations, most of the improvement having resulted from the operations of yesterday. All the exportable bonds were eagerly taken by foreign houses, causing a rise, in the instance of the issue of '62-twenties, of 1⅛ and 1¼ per cent on very light offerings, in the face of the reported activity and buoyancy in the European markets. The home demand grows as rapidly as the foreign inquiry, both absorbing the floating supply of bonds at an unusually extensive rate, and giving to holders who are disposed to realize every advantage as to price, the tendency of values in all instances being to higher figures. Gen. GRANT's speech, Saturday, has already had the effect of allaying all uneasiness as to the financial policy of the incoming Administration, and of confirming popular confidence in the solvency and uprightness of the Government. After the adjournment of the Boards for the day, prices yielded a little, under partial realizations; United States five-twenties of 1862, which sold up to 13½, closed at 13⅜. Gold fell at noon, closing exchanges weak at 133 for the best bills.

Yesterday saw the usual daily number of petitions presented in Congress "in relation to constitutional recognition of Almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government, and the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler among the nations." We do not know that any of the very large number of persons who sign these petitions have yet told us what they would do about the practical formulation of the notions, dishonest who are new citizens of this country, under the existing Constitution.

The New-York country residents of the country Press are spinning long yarns about the organization of Vigilance Committees, which is said to be going on in this City. This is all moonshine. Nothing of the sort is in progress or intended. The trouble about Vigilance Committees here is that every one of them would be under the control of the scoundrels and roughs. The gangs of ruffians would be seized with sudden spasms of virtue, and would constitute a majority of every committee. The honest citizens would find themselves at the wrong end of the rope.

Gen. VIELE, who was appointed last year by the Common Council to examine into the condition of the market system of this City, and report some means for its reconstruction, has sent in his report to the Mayor. He has made, as will be seen elsewhere, a number of suggestions on the subject for the enlightenment of the Common Council.

BLAISDELL did his best to save the expense of taking him to Sing Sing. He did not think it worth while, for he confidently expected a pardon within two or three days at furthest. We are strongly in favor of economy on the part of the Government; still we are glad that his request was not unheeded, and that the officers in charge of his case took the responsibility of incurring the cost of his transfer to the State Prison. When the pardon *does* come, the expense of bringing him back will not be very heavy; and if it should happen not to come at all the cost of his maintenance there will be less than here. Besides, he can earn more money for the State. President JOHNSON has a good deal to think of nowadays, and it would not be very strange if he should forget to send the pardon.

The four points of the political compass of the next Administration, as indicated by Gen. GRANT, and which must be kept constantly in view by Congress:

Economy.
Retrenchment.
Faithful collection of the revenue.
Payment of the public debt.

Every Congressman should learn off by heart his speech of Saturday.

President JOHNSON must try again before he succeeds in gratifying Gen. BUTLER by getting KILPATRICK out of office. We have a telegram stating, on the authority of Gen. DIX, that the nomination of his brother to the Chilian mission was "unasked and promptly *refused*." The device was a shrewd one, but it seems to have miscarried.

The resolution offered in the House yesterday by Mr. HUBLACK, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell *thirty* millions of gold, will hardly stand the test of a little analysis. The amount of coin owned by the Treasury on the 1st of February, was, according to the official debt statement, *fifty-six* millions. From this sum there is to be paid out for interest *six* millions in March and about *thirty* millions on the 1st of May—leaving *twenty* millions; that is, ten millions less than the amount which Mr. HUBLACK proposes to sell. If, however, we add *thirty* millions as the amount likely to be paid in, in the meantime, from Customs duties, the Treasury would still have in May but *twenty* millions; and if in this state of facts the *Bulls* could not work their will, they would show themselves less smart than they are supposed to be.

The telegraphic weather-notes which come from all quarters of the compass and of the country, after a great storm like that of the past two days, are always interesting. The trouble with them is that they do not always give us the kind of information we want. We not only need to know that they have the storm in other places, but when it will probably cease here. If instead of a telegram reading, for example, "Burlington, 10 A. M.—A heavy rainstorm here," or something of the kind, we should receive indications when a storm begins, and above all, when it *ceased*, we could guess very nearly, from a table of results, about our own chances of fair weather to come.

The Mexicans are troubling themselves a great deal about the "mission of Gen. ROSECRANS," supposing it to have something to do with schemes of annexation. But this is all a mistake. Gen. ROSECRANS was not sent to Mexico to negotiate for its annexation, or for the purchase of any part of its territory, or to secure railroad franchises. His "mission" has nothing to do with any of these things, or any *such* things. It is simply to perform the ordinary duties of a Minister, and there is no necessity for the Mexicans to be troubled about it.

Some very serious complaints are made of the construction and management of the Central Pacific Railroad, through Nevada, by a correspondent writing from that State to the San Francisco *Herald*. The writer professes to speak from personal knowledge when he says the road is the worst constructed and about the worst managed road he has ever seen. The grades are very heavy, the curves very sharp, the road-bed badly made, and the superstructure very badly laid. The work is so far removed from general observation that it is not easy to test these important statements in regard to its construction; but it will be a national calamity if this great enterprise should prove to be of an inferior and unsatisfactory character.

The last Alaska news is that "all is quiet at Sitka." *Laus Deo!* The news just preceding from the same region was that our soldiers were thrashing the Indians. Let us hope that matters will continue "all quiet there." It is enough to have an "Indian question" on the Plains without getting another under the Arctic Circle.

How many words were in Gen. GRANT's last speech—or his *first* speech—which is it? The French papers have told us that NAPOLEON's latest contained one thousand two hundred, or thereabouts, but nobody seems to have made the computation in this American instance. It is curious enough to see how Gen. GRANT's utterances are listened to and waited for as earnestly as those of that imperial Sphynx, and almost as widely criticised and commented on. Both have found out the golden worth of silence, and their words accordingly are received like those of the Fairy Princess who spoke pearls—though in the case of these two rulers of men, nuggets would be the more appropriate word. WASHINGTON had the same sort of taciturnity; and it would be well if all Congresses, Parliaments, Cortes and Legislatures would take to such an economic style of statesmanship.

Comptroller GREEN suggests that in time New-York will look for more rivers to drink, and have some difficulty in finding them. No doubt such is the tendency of the present system of supply. But why should we not have inexhaustible North River for Croton? It seems surprising that so simple a thing, ap

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA.

Serious Conflict Between Native and British Sailors.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

Late dispatches from China report that a collision took place at Swatow between the Chinese inhabitants and the crew of the British gunboat Grasshopper. The fight was obstinate and bloody; the sailors fought desperately, but were overwhelmed by the natives, whose numbers constantly increased, and were compelled to retire to their ship with eleven of their number wounded. Many of the Chinamen were killed and wounded in the affray.

PARAGUAY.

The Evacuation of Asuncion and Flight of Lopez.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

Later detailed advices from Rio Janeiro fully confirm the previous reports of the evacuation of Asuncion by the Paraguayan Government and army, and of the flight of President Lopez into the forest.

GREECE.

Warlike Preparations Suspended.

ATHENS, Sunday, Feb. 14.

The new Ministry has issued instructions to the military and naval officers countermanding the recent orders for warlike preparations.

SPAIN.

Mass Arrests of Carlists—Volunteers for Cuba.

MADRID, Monday, Feb. 15.

Arrests of Carlists continue to be made in this city and in different parts of the country.

Regiments of the regular service and large numbers of volunteers daily offer their services to the Government for the suppression of the revolt in Cuba.

Señor OLOZAGA has resigned his appointment as Ambassador to France, and also his seat in the Constituent Cortes.

Ex-King FERDINAND, father of the reigning King of Portugal, has accepted the candidature for the throne of Spain.

TURKEY.

Cabinet Appointments by the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Monday, Feb. 15.

The Sultan has appointed MEHMED EMIN ALI PASHA Grand Vizier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, HUSCHID PASHA Minister of the Interior, MIDHAT PASHA Governor of Bagdad, and OMAR PASHA Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Candia.

CRETE.

Submission of all the Insurgent Chiefs to Turkish Authority.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

The following news, which is official, has just been received here:

All the insurgent chiefs of Crete have submitted to the Turkish authority. The island is now tranquil.

JAPAN.

Reception of Foreign Representatives by the Mikado at Yeddo.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

News has been received from Japan, via Shanghae, that the Mikado has received the Ministers of the Foreign Powers at Yeddo with great ceremony, and showed an earnest desire to maintain peaceful relations.

FRANCE.

Transfer of a French Consul—His Death.

PARIS, Monday, Feb. 15.

DE CAZOTTE, the present French Consul at San Francisco, has been appointed to succeed BERRIER DE MONTMORARD, Consul at Shanghae. The latter gentleman has been appointed Consul-General at New-York.

[NOTE.—A recent telegram from San Francisco announces the death by small pox of M. DE CAZOTTE.—ED. TIMES.]

CUBA.

The City of Trinidad Besieged—Another Fight.

HAVANA, Monday, Feb. 15.

The City of Trinidad, in the Central Department, has been declared in a state of siege.

An engagement has taken place at Manzanga between the troops and the revolutionists. The official accounts claim a victory for the Government. No reports of the losses on either side are given.

Sugar continues firm; operations are limited.

United States War Vessels in San Francisco—The Recent Submarine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Feb. 14.

The United States sloop-of-war *Jamestown* has arrived in this harbor, from Mare Island, having been thoroughly overhauled for a cruise on the South Pacific Coast. She carries a battery of 16 guns, and has a crew of 180 officers and men, as well as a fine marine guard.

The United States steamer *Lincoln* is fitting out for a cruise in the North Pacific, having been substituted in place of the *Wyandotte*, which vessel is unsuited for duty on the Alaska coast.

Mount Diablo and the coast range of mountains in the vicinity of San Francisco have been covered with snow for several days. The trains on the Central Pacific Railroad are delayed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, by one of the most terrific snow-storms known in that region. The snow-belt had extended over eighty miles; the usual distance is about fifty. The snow-sheds withstood the storm, where completed, and furnished full protection to the road.

The Supreme Court of Nevada has rendered an opinion with regard to the constitutionality of the action of the Legislature over the Governor's veto. The Governor's action in calling on the Court to sustain his veto, has created great excitement and ill feeling, and threats of impeachment have been made for abuse of privilege. The decision is against the Governor's objections, and the Legislature is jubilant.

A Suit Commenced in Chicago to Recover $1,500,000.

CHICAGO, Monday, Feb. 15.

A remarkable suit came up for trial in the Superior Court in the Chancery side this morning, involving city property valued at $1,500,000. The suit is brought by HENRY UHLICH, eldest son of the late CARL GOTTFRIED UHLICH. The deceased had three sons. HENRY disagreed with his father, and the two younger sons were of weak intellect. Mr. UHLICH just before his death confided to JOHN H. MUEHLKE, and intrusted his affairs to his management. The millionaire died intestate, though he had directed that his son HENRY should receive $50,000 worth of property, and his second son a small monthly allowance, while the remainder should be divided between his youngest son and MUEHLKE; the latter thus receiving about $700,000. HENRY claims that his father was completely under MUEHLKE'S influence, and appeals against such division of the property. The two younger sons and MUEHLKE defend the case.

The total number of hogs slaughtered and packed in this city this season was 807,954.

Attempt to Rob a Bank at Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, Va., Monday, Feb. 15.

An unsuccessful attempt was made on Saturday night last to rob the First National Bank of this city. An entrance to the bank was effected by cutting a hole through the roof, which the burglars reached from an adjoining building and then lowering themselves by ropes. The burglars succeeded in forcing open two heavy doors leading to the vaults, and were successfully working on the doors of the vaults when they became alarmed and fled, leaving behind a complete set of most ingeniously constructed tools.

Collision on the Northwestern Railroad—One Man Killed.

CHICAGO, Monday, Feb. 15.

Saturday evening, during a dense fog, two trains on the Northwestern Railroad collided at Gliddin, Iowa. JOEL BURNS, the mechanic, received injuries from which he died, and four or five other employes were seriously injured. Last evening an old and wealthy citizen, named HANE, interfered in a quarrel in a saloon, and was so seriously beaten by the drunken disputants that he is likely to die.

Gov. Bullock, of Georgia, on the Eligibility of Negroes to Hold Office.

ATLANTA, Ga., Monday, Feb. 15.

The joint Resolution of the Legislature, referring the question of the eligibility of negroes to hold office to the Supreme Court of the State, was to-day returned to the Legislature by Gov. BULLOCK without his approval. He says:

"The resolution does not settle nor even touch two of the leading points, viz., the organization of the Legislature under the law and its members under oath in the office. I have perhaps, in common with many others, been of the opinion that the Legislature did not have the discretion to admit by the decision of the Supreme Court, or even without a decision to do so; that the well ventilated question of the eligibility of persons who, under the law, have no binding force as to the other, likely to result in a body of men whose qualifications, validity and right to seat themselves would be in the most embarrassing and perplexing shape. May we not expect that Congress will act promptly and decisively in the right of our people? A majority of the members of the white race and that by a majority of three fifths of the white race and that by a majority in unwilling to believe that the Legislature intends to submit it to Congress as a deliberate and final action. I have conferred with Generals Meade and Pope, and with Gen. GRANT. It remains for the Legislature to take definitive steps toward the consummation of the policy of Congress. From whom we desire all we have, and we expect to enjoy of civil government under which the rights of all classes of our fellow-citizens, their men and women and children every person who cannot take the first oath."

Heavy Snow-storm in Canada—Railroads Blockaded.

MONTREAL, Canada, Monday, Feb. 15.

Another heavy snow-storm began here last night, and still continues. The railroads are again blocked up. It is reported that the late snow-storm entailed an extra expense to the Grand Trunk Railway of $100,000.

GUELPH, Canada, Monday, Feb. 15.

An explosion took place in an oil refinery to-day. The roof was blown off, and the building considerably wrecked. Three of the workmen were seriously injured.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Monday, Feb. 15.

The most violent snow-storm of the season set in here yesterday noon. More than a foot of snow has already fallen, and the storm still continued. No mails by railroad have left here to-day.

Attempts to Burn Harmanus's Hotel in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., Monday, Feb. 15.

The occurrence on Saturday evening of a slight fire in the drawing-room of Barnum's Hotel, in connection with the fact of a fire having broken out in the same place a short time previous, has raised suspicion that the fires were the work of an incendiary, and a reward has been offered for the detection of the guilty party.

Successful Robbery of a Jewelry Store in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Monday, Feb. 15.

About 7 o'clock this evening two men entered the jewelry store of Mr. FEDERRER, No. 32 Court-street, and asked to look at some diamond rings. While Mr. FEDERRER'S back was turned they snatched a tray containing $3,000 worth of jewelry and rushed out of the store, and made their escape. The thieves are supposed to have arrived from New York.

The Mission to Chili.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

TROY, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1869.

Gen. DENT telegraphs me that his brother's nomination as Minister to Chili was unasked and promptly refused. J. KILPATRICK.

Death of a Venerable Actor in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Feb. 15.

SOL. SMITH, the once famous theatrical manager, died yesterday morning of congestion of the brain. He was about 66 years old.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

SCRANTON, Penn., Feb. 15.—This morning, about 3 o'clock, the First Methodist Church and parsonage, and another dwelling-house, situated in the Fourth Ward of this city, (Hyde Park,) were burned to the ground. The loss is about $12,000. The church was insured for $1,800 in the Glens Falls (New-York) Company, and the parsonage in the Wyoming (Pennsylvania) Company for $800.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 15.—FLOURET, FERON & Co.'s melodeon and cabinet-organ factory, at Bloomfield, was destroyed by fire on Saturday. The loss is about $30,000. The property was insured for $20,000 in Eastern companies. Some eighty mechanics have been thrown out of employment by this disaster.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Mr. MAPLESON'S activity and enterprise are equal, fortunately, to the dull inertness of the Academy of Music management. To produce MEYERBEER'S opera of "L'Africaine" with the crude elements that prevail in Fourteenth-street was, at all events, an achievement, and this was attained last night. This work, it may be remembered, depends in some way upon a certain ship scene. MEYERBEER aggravated himself on the subject, and all the journals of France dwelt with rapture on the mechanical result that came from his aggravation. The ship swerved round to the full words of a conspirator, and when the savages boarded it there was a tremendous moment that was brilliant. The scene at the "leading musical establishment of America" looks like a huge and stupidly-constructed bedstead. This ideal was disturbed, however, by the fact that several members of the company plunged themselves and encouraged the illusion of the audience by wading through the pasteboard water and marching, without obstruction, into the side of the ship!

The cast of the opera was good. Mme. LA GRANGE is, of course, admirable as *Selika*. The part is embarrassing and lengthy, but it is studded with gems, and sustains itself to the end. Mme. LA GRANGE gave the various *morceaux* with brilliant effect, but lacked the element that produces applause. Miss MCCULLOCH again surprised her friends by the progress which in a few months she has made in the most difficult of all professions. Her voice is in admirable condition, and she sees it with skill. The *Nelusko* of last night should have been sustained by Signor ORLANDINI; but the gentleman was sick, and Signor MARRA took his place. Signor MARRA'S voice is not very large, but like *Marcello's* wound, it is enough. Signor BOSETTI, the new tenor, improves rapidly on acquaintance. He has a good voice, and a delivery which exhibits training. He has also the advantages of youth and presence. Signor ANTONUCCI was, of course, admirable, and the same may be said of the orchestra and chorus. Mr. MARETZEK presided, and this is always a guarantee of completeness.

On Wednesday, DONIZETTI'S opera of "Belisario" will be given.

THE ILLNESS OF PAREPA-ROSA.

The following letter from Mr. CARL ROSA appears in a Philadelphia paper:

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.

DEAR SIR: I am very sorry to tell you that my poor wife, after having been so far cured by the skill of my friend the physician, has had a relapse in her illness, and is again confined to her bed, suffering heavily and nearly delirious. We will not be able to come to Philadelphia next week, and I am sure you will be no exchange the date for a later period, and oblige, by doing so, yours sincerely, CARL ROSA.

Mr. SAM. HOOD, Academy of Music.

Theatrical.

BROADWAY THEATRE.

A drama entitled "Nita; or, Woman's Constancy," written by Mr. CHARDOS FULTON to introduce Mlle. ZOE in a speaking character, was produced here last evening. Hitherto this lady has confined her talents to the "French Spy," and its kindred in the red-fire line of stage plays. She belongs to the Lucille Western school of untrimmed lights of the drama—and her voice and gesticulations vividly recall that model of raw force. The play opens with a lively reproduction of some of the popular features and sideshows of an English fair. "Nita" will be repeated to-night. It has been produced regardless of expense, and, we should judge, everything else. The author certainly suffers from the theatre and the company.

WAYNESBY THEATRE.

This new place of entertainment was not opened last evening, as it had been announced. The rain-storm of Sunday made a tempestuous introduction into the theatre, and damaged the scenery and furniture to a serious extent, and compelled a postponement of the initial performance absolutely necessary. A couple of days will be required to put things in order once more, and the Waversley will open, wind and weather permitting, on Wednesday evening.

WOOD'S THEATRE.

At the evening performances here two new features are introduced—a ballet and a burlesque. The ballet is the performance, and "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" finishes. To those who believe that there cannot be too much of a good thing this arrangement will bring satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. FLORENCE appear in both pieces, and in "Fra Diavolo" the comedian revives his graphic sketch of Very Heavy First Villain of the Bowery drama in KEMP'S days.

OBITUARY.

"Sol" Smith.

The well-known actor and theatrical manager, SOL SMITH, died in St. Louis on Sunday morning last, after a short illness of congestion of the brain. Mr. SMITH was born in Chenango County, in this State, on the 20th of April, 1801, and at an early age sought his fortune in the West. In Louisville he learned the trade of a printer, but soon became seized with a desire to appear on the stage, and, after joining a company of strolling players, made his first appearance before the public at Vincennes, Ind., in 1819. After many adventures, and suffering the usual discomforts and hardships incident to the life of a strolling actor, he went to New-Orleans, and in that city, in 1827, appeared as *Billy Lackaday*. The next year he went to Natchez, and there, from the fact that he was habitually cast to play old men, he acquired the sobriquet of "Old SOL SMITH," though he was but twenty-eight years of age at that time. In 1835, he appeared at the old Park Theatre as *Mine-worm*; *Thomas*, in the "Secret;" *Derby*, in the "Poor Soldier;" *Kit Casey* and *Sharp*. He subsequently went South, and became the manager of the Southwestern Theatrical circuit. He possessed a fund of anecdotes and quaint stories relating to actors and the stage, which recently have been collected and published.

Mr. SMITH leaves two sons by his first marriage, MARS, stage manager of BOOTH'S new theatre, and SOL, now playing an engagement at WOOD'S. He also leaves several children by his second marriage, none of whom are known to the theatrical profession. Mr. SMITH had accumulated a considerable fortune, which is invested in real estate in and around St. Louis.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE GERMAN STEAMSHIP BREMEN.

The steamship *Bremen*, which left Bremen Jan. 30 and Southampton Feb. 2, reached this port yesterday, with two days' later news than was at hand by the *China*.

It is expected that the deaths of 26,581 persons were registered in the United Kingdom in the course of the year 1868. Toward this total England and Wales contributed 480,677, namely, 120,005 in the March quarter and 106,984 in the June quarter, and 126,592 and 120,096 in the September and December periods respectively.

The remains of the late Mr. ERNEST JONES were interred on Jan. 30, in Ardwick Cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest which has been seen in Manchester for some years, and was attended by the Mayor of the city, Sir ELEKANAH ARMITAGE, Mr. JACOB BRIGHT, M. P., Mr. T. B. POTTER, M. P., Mr. BEALES, and other political associates of the deceased. The executive of the United Liberal Party and of the Reform League was also represented, and a long line of private carriages brought up the rear of the procession. In a few words spoken over the grave Mr. BEALES bore high testimony to the disinterestedness and the consistency of the departed politician.

Mrs. CHARLES BARNARD, wife of Rev. CHARLES BARNARD, who, under the pseudonym of "Cherbel," had acquired so much popularity by her songs and ballads, died Jan. 29, at Dover, of typhoid fever, after an illness of three weeks.

A Dublin telegram states that Mr. CARLETON, the Irish novelist, a false report of whose death was recently circulated, died on Jan. 28. The deceased gentleman was the author of several novels, but he was best known by his "*Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry*."

The *France* of Jan. 30 denies a report circulated by some papers that Gen. DIX, the American Minister in Paris, has addressed observations to the French Government on the subject of a recent visit of Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS to the School of St. Cyr. The *France* adds that the relations between France and the United States are characterized by the greatest cordiality.

The French Senate, on Jan. 28, had before it two petitions calling for the removal of the remains of LOUIS PHILIPPE to France. The grounds brought forward in one of these petitions were that the late King had brought the bones of NAPOLEON from St. Helena to France. The Senate rejected the petitions, laying down "that the pious duty of restoring these noble ashes to their native soil belonged exclusively to the family of the illustrious dead."

A statue in relief of the Emperor NAPOLEON on the facade of the newly-erected portion of the Tuileries, fronting the quay, between the Pavillons de Lesdiguières and La Tremouille, has just been exposed to view by the removal of the scaffolding. An inscription underneath runs thus: "NAPOLEON III., Emperor, rebuilt from 1851 to 1868, in the Palace of the Tuileries, the wing raised from 1607 to 1609 by HENRY IV., LOUIS XIII., and LOUIS XIV."

M. STROMEYER, Burgomaster of Constance, has been excommunicated by the Archbishop of Fribourg. The people of the town being unwilling to leave without protest this measure, directed by the clergy against a man universally esteemed, immediately called a public meeting at the theatre. The house was filled to the ceiling, and M. LEMAN, Communal Councellor, presided. After having read the ecclesiastical sentence, in which he was frequently interrupted by laughter, the President read to the assembly a protest, which was voted unanimously. All present then went in a body to communicate it to the Burgomaster. M. STROMEYER, from his balcony, made a speech which was loudly applauded, and the crowd dispersed in perfect order.

The Austrian Government does not intend, to support the bill which has been introduced into the Chamber for rendering civil marriage compulsory. Two of the Ministers have declared that the Government does not consider such a measure necessary, and will therefore oppose it. They think any attempt to deprive persons of civil rights on account of their religious character would be repugnant to public opinion, and that the liberty now accorded of contracting a civil marriage when the clergy refuse to perform the ceremony is quite sufficient as a measure of protection to the people.

At the Protestant service which was celebrated in the Spanish capital on Jan. 31, hundreds of persons were unable to obtain admission for want of room. The owner of the house where worship is performed had been anonymously threatened with assassination. There was a great demonstration in Madrid on the same day in favor of freedom of worship, and a procession of republicans to the Government took place. The Government still states that it will refer the subject to the Cortes.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

Moral Effect Abroad of the Recent Proceedings in the House of Representatives.

From the London Times, Feb. 3.

It is through discussions such as that in the House of Representatives on the Protectorate of Hayti and San Domingo that *the American character is misapprehended*. Foreigners find a difficulty in understanding how such a discussion could have arisen at all, and, still more, how it could have proceeded as it did. They are puzzled to see such a person as Gen. BANKS filling the position of Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee some three or four years in succession. They observe that he is of slight reputation among his own countrymen, and that the reports or propositions he makes, whether on naturalization, the conflict of laws, the rights and obligations of neutrals, or any other subject that arises, are either suppressed or so transformed that their author cannot recognize them in their ultimate shape. Their astonishment is not lessened when they follow the discussions of the popular branch of the Legislature upon Gen. BANKS' proposals. The sound conclusions of the majority are scarcely able to efface the memory of the wild theories that are broached; their authority received with respect before the final decision is expressed. The explanation of the anomaly is simple. The truth is that while the Senate does not sympathize in the yet semi-barbarous ignorance of the American, its members are more dependent of the caprices of international conduct and the opinions of foreign states. A few great lawyers, who are never heard in the Legislature, thoroughly understand international law, but the mass of the nation know nothing of it, and as little of the principles of government in other countries. The House of Representatives, unchecked, as our House of Commons continually is, by the presence of two chief questions of foreign affairs arise for discussion, and its members are forced to grope their way through a multitude of words without knowledge enough to know they can form a sensible idea. It is to their infinite credit for moderation and capacity that the proceedings and the issues under such circumstances have not more frequently compromised our repute in the eyes of Europe.

PERILS OF THE SEA.

Fearful Sufferings of a Shipwrecked Crew.

The African mail steamer *Biafra*, which arrived at Liverpool Feb. 1, brought home the crew of the bark *Florence Nightingale*, which was lost on the African coast. The *Florence Nightingale*, Capt. J. J. BERRIER, of London, left Bathurst, Gambia River, for Sierra Leone, Dec. 28, with seven female passengers, two prisoners, two Mrcomns, and nine ship's crew. On the night of the 30th the vessel struck on a sand bank not marked in the charts, and which was not at the time surrounded by broken water. All efforts proving useless to save her, and two boats and one of the Kroomen being lost, a raft was formed and supplied with some provisions, brandy and sherry, but the Captain unfortunately forgot water, and his chest containing his instruments, charts, &c. The raft was towed by a small boat, seventeen feet by six inches, but as they could not make head against the current, they were all, twenty in number, towed to get into the creek. Their provisions became exhausted and they began to drink the sea-water, which soon made one man, a sailor, named BROWN, crazy. When all the food was exhausted, they drew lots who should kill BROWN before he died. The lot fell on a colored boy from Bathurst, who, however, refused. At that moment the Captain very fortunately caught a three pounds weight, having made a fish-hook from a woman's hair-pin, which he baited with a portion of a crab caught in some seaweed. While the fish was being devoured BROWN expired, and was thrown overboard. Previous to this the crew had partaken of the blood, greedily sucked up some blood which came from BROWN'S body when the Captain bled him to moderate his frenzy; some crabs and butterflies were also voraciously devoured. On the 8th January they fortunately reached the Isle de Los, where they were treated with the greatest kindness by Capt. CURTIS, of the American whaler *E. A. Paine*, of Provincetown, Mass. Capt. CURTIS took them to Serra Leone, whence they were sent home as distressed British seamen. The twenty persons were nine days in an open boat, during which they drifted 200 miles under a tropical sun, and had only twenty pounds of provisions and not a drop of water all the time.

ALBANY.

Legislative Progress—Notice of Important Bills—A New Law to Prevent Bribery and Corruption.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Monday, Feb. 15, 1869.

The Legislature has now been in session six weeks, or nearly one-half of the 180 days for which the law permits members to draw the liberal stipend of $6 *per diem*. The progress made in legislation thus far will probably compare favorably with the first half of the previous sessions, but is not such as to prevent the misfortune which seems to attend all legislative bodies now-a-days, of crowding the great bulk of legislation into the last two or three weeks of the term. Between 700 and 800 new bills have been introduced into both Houses, very few of which have been acted on by committees.

The larger share are, of course, local in their character and of little interest to the public at large. Among the more important of those affecting the people of the whole State, are the bill submitting the new Constitution to a vote of the people, now under discussion in the Senate; the bill abolishing the canal contract system; the bill abolishing the "Regents of the University;" the bill granting State aid at the rate of $4,000 per mile to all railroads alike; the bill conferring the powers of Commissioners of Deeds and Notaries upon all attorneys and counselors; and the bill allowing criminals on trial to testify in their own behalf. All of them have been reported favorably, and most of them stand a fair chance of becoming laws.

Among the new Legislative projects affecting the City of New-York, the chief in importance are the Metropolitan Railroad bills, of which nearly a dozen have been introduced; the bills amending the Excise law, of which there are no less than five; bills for improving or abolishing the Metropolitan Police Commission, and a bill extending the Metropolitan Fire District, so as to include Brooklyn. None of these bills have yet been reported, but most of them have received more or less attention from the Committees, and several may eventually take the form of Legislative enactments. The able article on the increase of crime in the Metropolis, published in the TIMES of Friday last, attracts a good deal of attention among members of the Legislature, and will doubtless give rise to a bill for improving the Criminal Code and practice, which is therein shown to be so defective.

Both Houses had a brief session this evening, but, as usual on Monday evenings, there was scarcely a quorum present, a large share of the members not arriving in town till late at night.

In the Senate, Mr. HALE introduced a very important bill amending the laws relating to bribery and corruption. The bill was intended to accompany the report of the Committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the corruptions alleged to have been practiced in connection with the Erie Railroad legislation; but the Committee being unexpectedly delayed in presenting their report, owing to the non-attendance of witnesses, they have concluded to introduce the bill, which may be considered a sequel to the investigation now, and let it precede the report. I send herewith the full text of the proposed enactment, which, it will be seen, is very stringent in its provisions, and seems well calculated to accomplish, so far as legislation can accomplish, the object aimed at—the prevention of bribery and corruption in the Legislature. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—ALBANY, Monday, Feb. 15.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. BEACH—To enable the Supervisors of Greene County to refund the taxes illegally collected.

By Mr. BANKS—To allow the Albany Cemetery Association to extend their grounds. Also, one in relation to the Albany Board of Public Instruction. Also, one to incorporate the trustees of the Episcopate of the Diocese of Albany.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—To continue the laws relative to a steam ferry between Brooklyn and Mott Haven. Also, one to amend the charter of the village of Edgewater, in Richmond County.

By Mr. CHAPMAN—To amend the charter of the Chenango Valley Savings Bank.

By Mr. HICKS—Relative to bridges over the Chemung River at Corning. Also, one authorizing the Supervisors of Corning, Steuben County, to raise $1,000 to pay bonds due March 1.

By Mr. HALE—Providing for the more effectual suppression and punishment of bribery. This bill is of great importance, embodying as it does all the essential points in the new Constitution and is carefully drawn.

It provides that any State officer receiving a bribe, with the intent to influence his official action, or omission to act is to be adjudged guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding five years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or both. Any person offering a bribe shall be liable to criminal prosecution therefor; proof of the payment of money to or for the use of any person sometimes to influence legislation, except where such payment is shown to have been actually paid for some lawful purpose, shall be presumptive evidence of the commission of offences against the proposed act. Any person charged with the commission of any offence may testify in his own behalf in any criminal prosecution. Any officer of any corporation making or allowing any claim for the rendering of such service, shall be liable to any stockholder in a civil action for the proportionate amount of stock held by the stockholder.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

One to define the powers of the Land Office Commissioners; one to provide for the payment of the State Assessors of 1868; one respecting the charters of certain insurance companies; one to amend the laws relating to Justices of the Peace; one to amend the laws so as to secure the payment of mechanics and laborers furnishing materials for building purposes in the City of New-York. Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. HUSTED—To authorize the purchase of a steam fire engine for Long Sing. Also, to release the interest of the State in certain lands in Courtlandt, Westchester County, to FREDERICK E. DYKEMAN.

By Mr. SMITH—To authorize savings banks to invest in bonds issued for the construction of the Hoosac and Shaftsbury Railroad. Also, for the relief of said road.

By Mr. KNEBLAN—For the erection of a town at Baldwinsville.

By Mr. BURRY—Requiring the Fonda, Johnstown and Gloversville Railroad to restore a public highway in Mohawk.

By Mr. HUSTED—Providing that all that part of water adjacent to the wharves and piers in the City of New-York, from the east side of Pier No. 1, and including the west side of Pier No. 4, shall, from March 20 to Dec. 31, each year, be reserved for the exclusive accommodation of canal boats and barges engaged in the transportation of property on the Hudson River and for the use of lighters.

The resolution of Mr. F. MCCUBBIN providing for the appointment of a Committee of seven to make inquiry concerning the Gas Companies of New-York, Brooklyn and Buffalo, was called up and passed.

The resolution directs the Committee to inquire into whether such companies have, since their incorporation, made any returns of income, profits and dividends, if so, to what State officer, and the amount of such returns; if not, whether they are liable of such a quality as to demand the price now charged; which, can the people be supplied for a lower price, and if so, with a cheaper quality of gas.

The resolutions were carried.

Mr. GLENN called for the resolution directing State Prison Inspectors to report by what authority Mr. ALFRED WALKER is employed in the stone quarries at Sing Sing.

On motion of Mr. MURPHY, the resolution was referred to the Committee on State Prisons, with power to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. SALKELD, the use of the Assembly Chamber was granted on Thursday evening next to the citizens of Albany, for the purpose of allowing them to give a grand entertainment in the Capitol to the State officers, members of the Legislature, and the "American" Social Science Association.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

To prevent cheating by the use of fraudulent checks, drafts and orders—punishes the offender by imprisonment in the State Prison for two years, or by fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary, at the option of the Court, in a sum not exceeding the value of the money or property so fraudulently obtained.

Amending the charter of the village of Gouverneur.

Incorporating the Eleventh Ward Savings Bank of New-York.

Providing for the construction of an iron bridge over the canal in Baldwinsville.

Releasing certain orchard lands to the lessees of MARY LABOW.

Incorporating the First Brigade Association of the City of New-York.

For the relief of ELIZA DUNLAP, (canal damages.)

The Assembly adjourned.

Mr. Bailey's Bill for the Prevention and Punishment of Bribery.

An act for the More Effectual Suppression and Punishment of Bribery.

SECTION 1. Any person holding office under the laws of this State who, except in payment of his legal salary, fees or emoluments, receives or consents to receive, directly or indirectly, anything of value or of personal advantage, or promise for himself or any other, permitting to perform, any official act, or with the express or implied understanding that his official action or omission to act is to be in any degree influenced thereby, or that he will perform any official act, shall be convicted thereof, and be punished by imprisonment in a State Prison for a term not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 2. No person who has heretofore paid or offered, or shall hereafter pay or offer a bribe, which has been, or shall have been accepted in whole or in part, shall be liable to criminal prosecution therefor.

SEC. 3. Any person who shall attempt to bribe any person holding office under the laws of this State shall, except as is provided in the second section of this act, be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be punished as provided in the first section of this act. And any person who shall offer or promise a bribe, or shall give to be deposit with, or cause to be paid to or deposited with any person, any money, security or obligation, or any other valuable thing, with the intent or upon the understanding that such money, bonds, securities or other valuable thing shall in any way or in any degree influence any person holding office in this State, or to induce such person or persons to perform or omit to perform any official act, and any person who shall receive or nominate at, or concerning any election, any money, or other valuable thing, shall be deemed guilty of an attempt to bribe within the meaning of this section.

SEC. 4. Proof of the payment of money to or for, or the receiving of money by any person or persons engaged in lobbying or in any way in influence legislation by personal attendance upon the Legislature, or any part thereof, shall be presumptive evidence of such payment is shown to have been actually paid in good faith and received in compensation for lawful expenses and services, shall be presumptive evidence of the commission of the offence mentioned in the preceding first section of this act.

SEC. 5. Any person should refuse to testify, or offering a bribe, or with the commission of any offence mentioned in this act, shall be permitted to testify in his own behalf in any criminal prosecution for such offence.

SEC. 6. The costs and expenses which shall be incurred by any county, in investigating or prosecuting any charge of attempting to bribe any State officer, or member of the Legislature, within such county, or of inducing such a bribe, or of any other offence against the Legislature in such county, shall be a charge against the State, and shall be paid by the Treasurer upon the draft of the County Treasurer.

SEC. 7. Any officer, agent or director of any corporation, who shall in any way, directly or indirectly, use or cause to be used, any money or other property belonging to such corporation, in violation of the provisions of this act, or shall knowingly assent to or approve of such use, or knowingly audit or allow any account rendered for such use of the money or property of such corporation, shall be liable to any stockholder or stockholders of such corporation, in a civil action, for the amount which shall bear the same proportion to the whole amount thus used, as the amount of stock held by such stockholder or stockholders bears to the whole amount of stock of such corporation. Such action shall be brought for the benefit of both the plaintiff therein and also for that of all stockholders who may, at least ten days before the trial of such action, join in the filing of a duplicate of the original complaint, and notice to double or treble damages, and such action may be prosecuted for their benefit, and give notice thereof to the plaintiff in such action, and to the defendants, and where any such petition or petitions are so filed, such petitioners shall be deemed, for the purpose of determining the amount of the recovery, plaintiffs in such action, and shall be joined with the plaintiff in the defendants in said action for costs, in case costs shall be adjudged to the defendants. In case of a recovery by the plaintiff in such action, he shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation for his services in recovery. No action brought in pursuance of this section shall be discontinued without the consent of all parties who may have filed their petitions as hereinbefore provided. Judgment rendered in such action shall be no bar to any other action that may be brought for the same cause, except as to the plaintiff therein, and as to such parties as may have filed their petitions therein, as aforesaid, and claimed damages, either through such plaintiff or petitioners. The liability of such officers, agents or directors shall be joint and several.

SEC. 8. All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Animated Debate Between Miss Anna Dickinson and Rev. Robert L. Collier, at the Library Hall Convention in Chicago.

The Chicago Tribune gives a long report of some exciting scenes in the Female Suffrage Convention, in the Library Hall, in that city, on Friday last. We quote a portion of its report, somewhat condensed:

Frequent and loud calls were made for Miss ANNA DICKINSON, who occupied a seat on the platform. She came forward and spoke as follows:

MRS. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: There is a letter published in the morning's or yesterday's papers, I believe, written by me, to the effect that as I was under a positive business engagement in which dollars and cents were concerned, where other people are interested, that I had no right, without their consent, to continue the engagement. I was engaged during my regular business engagement of this evening. But it is impossible for me to continue in my seat after so kind and cordial a call from this house, and I thank you for the pleasant and friendly feeling you have shown. I have but a few words to say, and I have spoken my mind so you do not know where the end is. I had gone out of the room, not because of the discussion, but because it was too warm and the atmosphere so stifling, when I was recalled by hearing something to this effect, that there had not been a single logical argument urged on this platform in behalf of woman's suffrage; that woman's cause had ably represented by some man of her family; that when a woman lifts herself up in opposition against her husband, she lifts herself up, if I properly and rightly understand the declaration of God in the Bible, or according to the inspired assertion is that the husband is the head of the wife. Out but Mr. COLLIER forgot to say that the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church. In my observation, and it has not been a limited one—I have never yet discovered a man who is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church. Furthermore, he announces that these wrongs, being represented by men, they will lift themselves up in opposition to their husbands, they lose that womanly and feminine element which is so admirable and rare and beautiful, and nothing can preserve them from the contamination of politics. Woman is to lift herself up to God alone; she is to be represented by her husband (!) and woman is abundantly represented (!) by this same husband, or by some man in her own family. There are a multitude of women who have no husbands. There are a multitude of women who never will have any husbands. There are a great many women who have no men in their own households to represent them, for their wrongs or for their rights. Mr. COLLIER, I suppose, however, is talking about women who have husbands. He says the woman loses her purity, her delicacy, her feminine attributes when she lifts her voice and elements against the man whose name she bears. You have here, within the limits of your State of Illinois, a hundred thousand drunkards. Every woman who dares to lift her hand, say out with her voice "Give me the ballot that I may effect the votes of those drunkards at the polls and save my children from a life of misery and my girl from being put into the workhouse,"—this woman is lifting herself against the laws of God and womanhood. The ballot is to save womanhood and save purity, which he says is in danger—the feminine element of dependence and weakness and tenderness, of clinging helplessness, which he so much adores. I do not say this or that is for the benefit of political power, that women may go into the White House. It will take six generations of decent men to make it respectable for any woman to enter. I do not say it for the sake of going to Congress. I can safely venture to put the ruling of this Convention to-day against that of the Vice-President of the United States the other day in the House of Representatives. But I said it for the sake of the purity of womanhood; for the sake of the rights of mothers; and let us allow, from one end of this State to the other, as well as from one end of the country to the other, every black man in America has the ballot; second and specially, every man and woman, black and white, to go to the polls to defend their own rights and the rights of their homes.

Rev. R. L. COLLIER said he would be God that every woman in America had such a heart and such a voice for women's rights. But argument was one thing and logic was another. If he thought the ballot in the hand of the woman would cure the wrong she speaks of, he would favor female suffrage, but he was firmly convinced that it would only aggravate their wrongs. He could not fight ANNA DICKINSON.

ANNA DICKINSON—I certainly do not intend to fight, Mr. COLLIER. I believe I have the manner of not being a belligerent woman, and it is too warm to make any desperate effort just at present. Mr. COLLIER, however, says sympathy is one thing and logic is another. Very true. I did see myself of ten thousand women in the State of Massachusetts who are wives of drunkards, as a matter which shall appeal to your sympathies or move your tears. Mr. COLLIER says that these women are to find their rights by their husbands at home.

Mr. COLLIER—That is what I mean.

Miss DICKINSON—That they are to do it by womanly and feminine love, and I tell him that it is the duty of this same feminine element which is so admirable and adorable. I have seen men, your street corners, as I have seen men on the street corners of every city of America, with blotted faces, with ragged forms and ey

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And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against the Association for payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.
Dated Troy, Dec. 8, 1868.
By order of the Board of Directors.
WM. PARK, Cashier.
This Bank has reorganized as a State institution, and will continue business as usual, under the name of "The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy."

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, JERSEY CITY, FEB. 15, 1869.
THE JERSEY CITY SINKING FUND Commissioners will receive bids for the proceeds by them, of $50,000 of Jersey City Orange Six and Seven per Cent. War Bonds. No bid will be received until the 20th inst., when the bids will be opened and accepted or rejected, as the Commissioners deem best for the interest of the City. Proposals to be inclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed "To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Comptroller's Office, City Hall, Jersey City."
HORATIO N. ROW,
F. F. L. YOUNG,
F. S. REDWELL,
HOSEA F. CLARK,
Commissioners of the Jersey City Sinking Fund.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 12 Pine-st., NEW-YORK, Feb. 11, 1869.
CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.—Notice is hereby given that we have this day designated by lot 25 bonds numbered as follows: 20, 22, 28, 31, 32, 34, 37, 43, 48, 51, 54, 57, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102,

SHIPPING.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built Steamers, sailing intended to sail
EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20 North River, 12 o'clock, noon.
UNITED KINGDOM.Feb. 20 | NOVA SCOTIA.....Mar. 13
INDIA.....Feb. 27 | BRITANNIA.....Mar. 20
CALEDONIA.....Mar. 6 | COLUMBIA.....Mar. 27
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN GOLD.
Cabins, to Liverpool, $75 or $80 and $5 gold.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140 and $5 gold.
Steerage, to Liverpool or Londonderry, $30 in currency.
Through Continental tickets to any place in Europe, $97.
Steerage tickets booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Dey-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

ONLY DIRECT LINE NO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the season of 1869 will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
ST. LAURENT.....LEBARE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 20
VILLE DE PARIS.SUMPOT.....SATURDAY, Mar. 6
EUROPE.....DARRIEU.....SATURDAY, Mar. 20
Rates of passage payable in gold (wine included):
TO BREST ON HAVRE, first cabin ($140); second cabin ($80).
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $85.
Steerage, $35 currency.
American travelers going or returning from the Continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, avoid the annoyance of changing cars in England, and the comfort of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COVE HARBOR.
SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.
CHINA.....Feb. 20 | AUSTRALIAN.....Mar. 20
CUBA.....Feb. 27 | RUSSIA.....Mar. 27
JAVA.....Mar. 6 | CHINA.....Mar. 6
Steamers leaving New-York connect at Cove with Cabin.....$110 | Second Cabin.....$60
Cabin to Paris.....$145
No passage money for children.
Agents, Messrs. Cunard, at Liverpool, will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value of the same are signed therefor. Belfast, Glasgow, Liverpool bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, or other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight or passage apply at
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.
MINNESOTA (new).....Feb. 17, at 3 P. M.
NEVADA (new).....Feb. 24, at 3 P. M.
COLORADO.....March 3, at 4 P. M.
NORTH CAROLINA.....March 10, at 3 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold; Steerage, $30 currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 77 Wall-st.
For steerage passage of
WILLIAMS & GUION, Pier 46 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
SIBERIA.....Feb. 25 | ASIA.....Mar. 4
ALEPPO.....Feb. 25 | TRIPOLI.....Mar. 11
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK:
Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building. E. CUNARD.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP ENGLAND, THOMPSON, will leave SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 45 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $80; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
—Inman line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Feb. 20, 12 M.
ETNA, (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1 P. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Feb. 27, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Mar. 6, 12 M.
AND EVERY SUCCEEDING SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
PAYABLE IN GOLD. | PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | To London.....$35 and 40
To Londonderry.....90 | To Londonderry.....35 and 40
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....45 and 47
Halifax.....20 | Halifax.....$15
St. John's, N. F.....25 | St. John's, N. F.....20
Branch Steamer to Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, N. F., free.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices. JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
THE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 20th, upon the arrival of the British mail steamer at Aspinwall, the Pacific Mail Company's steamer leaving New-York for Aspinwall on the 1st of each month will make the necessary connection. Passengers and cargo booked through from New-York to the several Colonial ports.
A special steamer runs to the newly discovered gold region of Hokitika.
For further information regarding rates of freight and passage, apply to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 38 Wall-st., or to
CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 2 William-st., New-York.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through tickets, New-York to San Francisco:
First Cabin. Outside. | Inside. | Second Cabin. | Steerage.
$125 | $100 | $75 | $40
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
FOUR TIMES A MONTH,
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and stimulants free.
FEB. 16—RISING STAR, Capt. King, connecting with GOLDEN AGE, Capt. Farnsworth.
Steamship leaving San Francisco daily with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco March 5, 1869, for China and Japan.
For freight or passage, and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office, 1 Broadway, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS BY PACIFIC Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR, sailing on TUESDAY, 16th inst., at 12 M. Freight received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, 15th inst. Three tickets offer for sale, including inland charges. F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 1st of each month.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. Nichols.....Feb. 20
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, March 1.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WEST, April 20.
The steamers of this line are in admirable trim, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For passage, rates of freight or passage, apply to
JOHN E. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
CITY OF MOBILE, Capt. P. L. Roberts, Feb. 20, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. For passage, inclusive of meals and stateroom, $20, and freight, apply on board, or to
H. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 4 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
EAGLE, Capt. W. Lewis.....Feb. 18
MORRO CASTLE, E. Adams, vis Nassau.....Feb. 25
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. Van Blom.....Mar. 4
For freight or passage apply to
H. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 4 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line sailing every twenty days. The splendid new steamship CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. JOHN DRAKE, will leave Pier No. 47 North River, on SATURDAY, Feb. 20, at 10 A. M., for the above ports. For freight or passage apply to
H. BELTZHOOVER & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA TEHUANTEPEC ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the side-wheel steamer
ALABAMA, Capt. LIDDELL,
On SATURDAY, Feb. 20, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without transhipment at one and a half per cent. Through rates to Mobile. Through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at lowest rates.
Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf Ports.
For freight or passage, apply to
J. F. PATTERSON, Agent,
No. 174 Chambers-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA.
Carrying the United States Mails.
The well-known steamship
MISSOURI
will leave Pier No. 20 North River on
SATURDAY, Feb. 20, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Through rates and through bills of lading given to Galveston, Indianola, Lavaca and Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and Ship Island, Miss., through to Mississippi River.
No Havana freight received on day of sailing.
For freighting or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 68 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE ST. JOHNS RIVER AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—Steamship GALATIA, side-wheel steamship MAGNOLIA, M. S. Crowell, Commanding, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Feb. 18, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. Cabin passage reduced to $20. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston (HAVENER & CO.) forward all goods free of commission.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 26 William-st.
The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail on the following THURSDAY.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.
BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE.
NEW-YORK AND BOSTON,
NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD and CAPE COD TOWNS AND NANTUCKET.
Rates of cabin and freight always as low as by any other regular line.
One of the Magnificent Steamers,
STONINGTON OR CLAY.
Leaves Pier No. 2 North River, foot of Murray-st., at 5 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.
By this route passengers can take train from Newport at 4 A. M., and arrive in Boston at 8:10 A. M., in time to connect with all Northern and Eastern trains, or rest undisturbed in stateroom on board and take 7:45 A. M. train, and arrive in Boston at early business hours.
E. LITTLEFIELD, Agent,
NEW-YORK, Aug. 19, 1868. No. 72 Broadway, N. Y.

STONINGTON LINE.
TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.
Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant side-wheel steamers
STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT,
Capt. WM. H. TOBIN, Capt. GEO. H. HULL,
Will leave Pier No. 22, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 4 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at the principal hotels, at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway. D. S. BABCOCK, Proprietor Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, Springfield and points West, connecting at New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

SHIPPING.

FOR SAVANNAH, SEMI-WEEKLY.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
R. OTTOSSON TO SAVANNAH.
The first-class steamship HUNTSVILLE will leave Pier No. 13 North River, on SATURDAY, Feb. 20, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 32 West-st.
OCTAVUS COHEN & Co., Agents, Savannah.
Cabin passage $35.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this Line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock, P. M., as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL, VAIL, SATURDAY, Feb. 20
GEO. WASHINGTON, GAGE, SATURDAY, Feb. 27.
Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. For passage, first and second class, or freight apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 2 West-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A WELL-BALANCED AND RANDOM ALE, having more rooms than they want, would like to let a front room, in the quietest neighborhood of several good restaurants. Address J. W. L., Box No. 4,797 Post Office, New-York.

WANTED—BY A GENTLEMAN, A CHAMBER with fire and gas, in a quiet German family, with two well-bred children. Address, stating terms per month, and where and when the last particulars; unexceptionable references will be given.

No. 13 EAST 28TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and Madison-ave., in a first-class house kept by a French family, a suite of rooms, bedroom and reception, furnished or not, at option of a gentleman family; per week; table d'hôte, if desired; references given and required.

TO RENT—IN 37TH-ST., NEAR 8TH-AV., A handsome furnished second-story front room and restaurant, with or without breakfast; would prefer renting to a gentleman by the year. Address M., Box No. 111 Times Office.

No. 120 WEST 44TH-ST.—LARGE front room on second floor, with office, for single gentleman only; furnished if desired; to be vacated in May; unexceptionable references.

No. 19 STE.-AV., OPPOSITE THE Metropolitan Hotel, a delightful suite of rooms with or without private table; also a single room, with meals; references exchanged.

BY CALLING AT NO. 203 EAST 17TH, near 3d-ave., you will find well furnished rooms with board. Inducements given and required. Call on Monday or Tuesday.

TO LET—A FIRST FURNISHED FRONT parlor, bedroom and kitchen; suitable for married lady and gentleman. Private house No. 34 Allen-st.

No. 68 LEXINGTON-AV., (NEW NO. 94) a private family will let a nicely furnished room on third floor to a gentleman, without board.

TO LET—IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, A FURnished room, on second floor, to a gentleman, with or without board. Call at No. 16 East 35th-st.

FIFTH-AV., NO. 128.—FURNISHED FRONT room, suitable for single man; board, if desired.

No. 1 WEST 38TH-ST.—A SUITE OF rooms; also, one or two single rooms, furnished, overlooking Madison-square.

A PRIVATE FAMILY WILL LET SOME rooms, with or without board. Apply at No. 42 West 46th-st.

A FIRST-CLASS ROOM ON THE THIRD floor, No. 20 West 38th-st.

IRON WORKS.

ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE
Novelty Iron Works,
NOS. 77 AND 83 LIBERTY-ST.,
CORNER BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.
Plain and Ornamental Iron Work of all kinds for Buildings.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
Leave Jamaica at 6:20 A. M. Mail train for Greenport, 10 A. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove, 2 P. M. Express for Greenport, 4 P. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove, 6:30 P. M. Accommodation and way stations. All trains connect with branch to Hunterspoint. Sunday train at 9 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.
L. D. BASTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT (foot of Chambers-st.) Paterson Ferry:
5 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Otisville and intermediate stations.
12 A. M. Express Mail, for Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.
4:30 P. M. Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M. Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations West of Turner's, for Port Orange, Newburg, Newburg, Warwick, Montgomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.
6 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
8 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. Sleeping cars attached. Coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland and Cincinnati, without change.
6 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Also Way Trains for Rutherford Park, Passaic and Paterson, including Sundays, at 8:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 11 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 1:45 P. M., for Paterson; 9:30 P. M. Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South; 6 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all night trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway, and depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. F. HARK, Gen'l Pass. Agent. R. RIDDLE, Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1868, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Hudson River and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
3 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, with sleeping cars attached, connecting at Troy with Troy and Boston Railroad cars, connecting at Rouse's Point with Grand Trunk cars for Montreal, and at Buffalo with Express Train for the West, via Other North Shore Route.
10 A. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, Burlington and the North.
11:30 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains on the West Shaving room car attached to this train through to Troy.
3:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with drawing-room car attached, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson Railroad, for Albany and Troy, connecting at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.
6 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and to Troy with trains for the North and West.
Night Express Train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leaves Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8 P. M.
Train leaves Harlem Railroad, leaving depot at 9 A. M. and arriving at Milbrook at 12 M. Returning, leaves Milbrook at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8 P. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

SOUTHSIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.—Leave Brooklyn, foot of Atlantic, New-York, 8:30 A. M. Mail train, 3:15 P. M. Accommodation, Sundays excepted, 4:15 P. M. Accommodation, Sundays only, 9 A. M. Leave Jamaica, 7:40, 8:35, 9:20 A. M. and 5:40 P. M. Leave Babylon, 6:40 A. M. Leave Babylon, 7:40 A. M. Leave Babylon, 4:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 5:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 6:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 7:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 8:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 9:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 10:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 11:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 12:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 1:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 2:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 3:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 4:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 5:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 6:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 7:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 8:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 9:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 10:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 11:15 A. M. Leave Babylon, 12:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 1:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 2:15 P. M. Leave Babylon, 3:15 P

OUR COMMON COUNCIL.

Sinking Lower in Its Character—How Business is Conducted by the Various Cliques—Bald and Unabashed Corruption.

Taking up a stray copy of *Valentine's Manual* of a recent date, and glancing at the list of the members of the Common Council from 16th, the year of the incorporation of the City, to the present time, we are particularly struck with two facts. First, we find that the sturdy Knickerbocker names which in the earlier days figured exclusively in the legislative branches of the City Government have gradually given place to those of Celtic origin, until at the present day the latter have acquired the ascendancy which once characterized the former. And, secondly, we discover that while in earlier times the legislators of the City were drawn largely from the learned professions, from the mercantile classes, and from the ranks of honest toilers in mechanical pursuits, public officers of this sort are now in the main obtained, where the City Directory affords any clue to their pursuits, from that part of the population who follow the questionable calling of liquor-saloon keepers.

These two facts, baldly stated, are sufficient in themselves to excite surprise. They, however, contain arcana of which the revelation would show conclusively that the best interests of the City are imperiled, its material growth hindered, and its prosperity thwarted by the crew of depraved, illiterate and venal men now composing, with few exceptions, the Common Council of this rich and powerful metropolis; men who have usurped the place of the honest, intelligent and public-spirited citizens who, in bygone times, ably fulfilled the legislative functions intrusted to them.

Truly we have fallen upon evil days, when we can make a statement such as this without fear of contradiction. No one pretends to assert that our Common Council is a fair representation of the character and wealth and wisdom of the City. Its corruption is notorious. The passage of every ordinance must be smoothed beforehand with a bribe, and no municipal law is made without a bargain and sale of votes.

This corruption has become bolder and bolder year after year, until now there is little attempt to hide it. It could not be worse. No matter how great or how trivial the measure which requires the attention of the Common Council, it must first be paid for or it will not be considered.

Let us look at the *modus operandi* of these City law-makers. In the first instance there is never a debate in either of the Boards upon the subject brought up for action. Every question presented in the respective Chambers, from opening a street, granting privileges to a horse railroad, building a sewer, laying a crosswalk, remitting taxes, down through all the grades of legislation to giving permission to the keeper of an apple-stand to incumber the sidewalk, is arranged and "cut and dried" beforehand.

To do this effectively there is for each Board an organization composed of a trusted "agent," who is not a member, and a "ringmaster," who is. To the first of these worthies every citizen who has business with the Boards for any purpose is directed. From the "agent" the applicant learns precisely how much it will cost to secure his point, and through him all negotiations with the "Ring" are carried on. The preliminary arrangements being complete, and the amount of money decided upon by the parties being in the hands of the "agent of the Board," the "ringmaster" performs his part of the contract by obtaining the necessary legislation.

The money thus received is divided in equal portions among the members of the "Ring."

The grade of prices, of course, is according to the value of the privilege granted. For instance if the Third-avenue Railroad desires authority to run a "turn-out" through Printing-house-square, the grant will not be made until from $2,000 to $5,000 are paid up. If the Hudson River Railroad desires, year after year, to run dummy engines from the depot at St. John's Park to Thirty-second-street, in spite of a resolution of inquiry by the Common Council, directing the Street Commissioner to ascertain under what authority the Company persists in its course to the terror of horses and the inconvenience of its directors, an offering of $15,000 will secure an uninterrupted continuance of the privilege for another twelve-month at least. If the street-cleaning contractor does not wish a report made to the Boards of the causes of non-compliance with his contract in the essential particulars of keeping the crosswalks clear of snow and ice, in accordance with a joint resolution, it is very easy for him by a douceur of proper amount to the "ring agent" to stave off the presentation of the information called for. If a resolution to extend Park-place from College-place to the North River could not be agreed on by a Committee three weeks since, it was not difficult to secure its passage a day or two ago, with the vote of every member of the Committee who was lately at variance in regard to it, now unanimously in its favor. Instances of this sort might be enumerated *ad infinitum*.

This Common Council "Ring" is bound together by an oath, registered by a Magistrate in its confidence. It does not include the whole of the members of either Board, but only so many of them as may be sufficient to carry every measure by a two-thirds vote, in spite of the feeble protests of one or two honest members in either organization, and in defiance of a possible veto by the Mayor. The existence of this oath-bound league was almost publicly admitted in the Chamber of the Board of Councilmen, instead, on the memorable occasion when fisticuffs were flung at legislative heads, and pistols and knives were brandished by irate members. This occurred when BRINCKERHOFF, a Democrat, by a strategic action, affiliated himself with the Republican members, and, by his own vote, placed himself in the President's chair, wresting the office from STACOM, to whom it had been assigned by the "Ring," in caucus.

In throwing an inkstand at BRINCKERHOFF's head, the impulsive LANE, in justification of his conduct, said: "Didn't that (we omit the descriptive epithet) take an oath before——"

Here the revelation was checked by the watchful STACOM, who roared out to LANE, "Sit down you (we again omit the epithet.) What the —— are you talking about?"

Go into the private meeting-rooms of either of the Boards any day an hour or two before the public assemblage of the members in their respective Chambers. A score or so flashily-dressed men, very youthful in appearance, odorous of liquor, cigars and chewing tobacco, and much given to profane language, will be found. They would say where take the pains for boisterous and undignified demeanor. As each one arrives, the usual question which he propounds shows that he is simply the tool of his masters, the "agent" and the "ringmaster." Such brief interrogatories as these are put and promptly answered, denuded, however, of the impious imprecations which always garnished them: "Well, what's up to-day?" "How about that opening at Park-place?" "Have you seen those parties?" "Yes; that's all right." "We've got that fixed." "We'll shove it through to-day," &c.

These are the men who take care of the interests of the City. When shall we have a change?

LABOR MOVEMENTS.

Printers' Strike.

Books were opened yesterday at No. 66 East Broadway for the new cooperative printing association formed by a number of the book and job printers now on strike. The shares thus far taken amount to 900, at $20 each, and $1 to be subscribed at once. The initiatory dollar was paid yesterday on 200 shares, and the first instalment on the whole will probably be met during to-day and to-morrow. An additional dollar will be called for every month. Twenty thousand dollars is to be the capital stock, and an application for a charter is now being prepared. The association opened a bank account yesterday. WM. STEEK is its President, WM. EAGAN Vice-President, CHARLES G. STONE Secretary and Treasurer, with WM. H. BAILEY, J. R. WILLIAMS, ALEXANDER STEELE and J. W. JACQUES the Board of Directors. At a meeting yesterday, in connection with opening the books, it was reported that WM. ALVORD, an employing printer at No. 16 Vandewater-street, had long engaged a contract to set the type for the delinquent tax list of the Brooklyn Corporation, which was afterward stereotyped by MCCREA & MILLER in the same building. The blocks had been afterward sent to the office of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, that the impression might be taken off. The compositors were ready for the new forthcoming list, but he had sent the necessary type and cases to a neighboring establishment that employed Union men at the Union rates. The Union, however, forbid the men from working upon the list. It was asserted as a fact, that a good deal of the type of the former list had been distributed which should have been left standing. A comment was made that contracts for the printing of any Union work were called for by the opposing employers. It was said that the small number of men in the shop, 170 in all, and be obtained, they are about 170 in number. The Union has already secured the entire their support, and a tax of five dollars per month upon the earnings of all members of WORK is to be imposed, which will enable the Union to lend a weak toward their cause in the business. In connection with the threatened strike of compositors that newspaper compositors would strike for 60 cents a thousand, as soon as the present strike became successful, it was asserted that the newspaper compositors intended doing nothing of the kind. It was also suggested that the Printers' Cooperative Association, at No. 52 Williams-street, should establish a City Directory next year, in opposition to JOHN F. TROW. It may be remarked, to the credit of the printers, that no violence has been used in the present strike toward men who chose to "rat," or work under the scale prices.

Clothing Cutters' Strike.

At a meeting held last night at No. 19 Stanton-street, the names of LEVY & CO., No. 20 Bonds-street; GRIESHEIM & HOFFMAN, of Walker-street, and VOGEL BROS., No. 126 Church-street, were announced as having decided to pay the new rate of $4 per day. These increased the number of acquiescing employers to twenty-three. It was announced that a mass meeting would be held at the above place on Monday evening, when a number of speakers from the different Trades Unions of this City would address those present. The President said that a quantity of circulars announcing the meeting should be printed and distributed in those shops where the men had not joined the Union, but belonged to the Union. Unless do not assume to more than a quarter of the journey-men in the City.

Sailors' Strike.

A mass meeting of the new society of striking seamen, called the American Mariners' Self-protecting and Mutual Aid Association, will be held this evening at Botanic Hall, No. 68 East Broadway. The President of this Society is Capt. C. C. DEWEAY; the Vice-President, Capt. LUDREY COGHLAN; the Secretary, Capt. THOMAS; the Treasurer, MOSES S. BEACH, and the Directors, Capt. NATHANIEL BRIGGS, Capt. M. W. JOHNSON and Capt. BLAND. Men are now freely shipping to Northern Europe at $35 a month; to the Mediterranean and West Indies at $30, and to Californian or the East Indies at $25.

SYMPATHY FOR IRELAND.

Mass-meeting at Cooper Institute—Addresses by Mayor Hall, Judge Garvin, Gen. O'Neil, and Others.

Pursuant to announcement, a large meeting was held at the Cooper Institute last evening, for the purpose of urging on the Federal Government, and especially on the incoming Administration, the necessity of taking measures to secure the release of American citizens now confined in English prisons for alleged complicity in Fenian movements in this country. The Institute hall was filled to repletion. The assemblage was called to order at 8 o'clock by EDWARD L. CAREY, Esq., who announced that his Honor Mayor HALL had been selected by the Committee of Arrangements to preside over the meeting. Mayor HALL then came forward, and alluding to the prefix "his Honor," which is attached to the Mayoralty, remarked that though it was a misnomer now, when the Mayor is no longer a Judge, as he once was, still the phrase was an apt one on this occasion, for he felt deeply sensible of the honor the Irish citizens of New-York did him in allowing him to preside over the assemblage that was gathered before him. He thought at this juncture of affairs it became the duty of every citizen to raise his voice in behalf of the cause they were assembled to aid. The principle they had met to maintain was a principle that underlied the Republic—whether a foreign-born citizen, when he gives his allegiance to this Government, may depend on the protection of the American flag if he is unfairly dealt with by a foreign Government. The speaker then referred to the action of England, when, during the late rebellion, she was willing to go to war with this nation simply because an American Commodore took SLIDELL and MASON from the deck of a British steamer. All, no matter how great might be their antipathy to the system of government pursued by Great Britain, admired this exhibition of John Bull pluck; yet, step by step, that same British Government had trampled upon, not the deck of an American vessel, but upon God's creatures, who were invested with the rights of American citizenship. A new Administration would shortly come into power, and a Committee from this meeting, expressing the sentiments of the great Metropolis of the Union, would meet it upon the threshold and ask: "Shall the American nation maintain the rights of its citizens against the unjust and audacious demands of England?" The question of finance and internal politics paled, in his opinion, before this all-important inquiry. Secretary SEWARD had, during the rebellion, fought Great Britain on the field of diplomacy single-handed; if, afterward, he failed to come up to the mark concerning the important question they were now met to consider, so much the more reason for pointing to his former efforts as an index of what could and ought to be done. We are now fighting England by diplomacy, but it is a diplomacy of a miserable character. Conciliation was now urged; but history assures us that in no instance has conciliation been the means of obtaining the first right on behalf of any nation from Great Britain. If we fought a bloody war to maintain the unity of the nation, it was worth while, should circumstances render it necessary, to take upon our hands another war to sustain its integrity so far as the rights of its citizens, native or adopted, are concerned. For the reason that the cause was so important he could not forego being with the meeting to-night, and his heart would be with them in anything they might do to further the object for which they had come together. Let the cause proceed; let the voice of New-York be echoed by Brooklyn, and by every town and hamlet in the land, and let the agitation of the question be continued persistently until some Administration takes it up and acts upon it. True statesmanship consisted not only in fully understanding rights, but in daring to maintain them. Let them leave to others the questions of revenue and finance; but this great question they must look after themselves. For this purpose they were assembled to-night, and their committee would meet the incoming Administration with the great primary and all-important query: Are the rights conferred by naturalization to be maintained, no matter what may be the cost?

On resuming his seat the Mayor was loudly applauded.

Mr. J. A. MCCAFFREY then presented a series of resolutions pledging the sympathy of the American nation to every people striving for freedom; declaring that America cannot look with indifference on the efforts of Irishmen to achieve independence for their native land; and alleging:

"That while American citizens are denied their legal rights by English Judges, or may, by unjust verdicts, be cast into English felon cells, it is dishonorable to the American nation, and a blot on the dignity of the people of this Republic to tread on friendly terms with the Power which outrages the nation, in the person of its humblest citizen; and in the name of the American people we call upon our Executive and Congress not to entertain or ratify any treaty with England which does not guarantee, as a conditional precedent, the immediate release of our captive fellow-citizens, and the adequate indemnification of individual wrongs, with a stipulation for the insult offered to our national honor."

In support of the resolutions, Mr. MCCAFFREY made an elogent speech, claiming that there was a natural affinity between Americans and Irishmen; that they instinctively possessed a love of liberty, and that both these peoples had in common a hatred of the English Government. He closed his address as follows:

"Yes, Americans, you do sympathize with the cause of Ireland's nationality. How could you do otherwise! You have sympathized with revolutionists every where under the sun—with Hungary and Italy, with the gallant Cretans and devoted Poles. In Ireland, you have a higher and holier cause than that which even Poles and Cretes combined can give. You have every incentive of every kind. Every principle, to dear to you, as a free, self-governed people, every private love, your speech, your free Press, your free use of arms, your freedom of conscience, your freedom from taxation without representation, your right to implant and uphold your rights in property, liberty and life, are arguments in favor of your sympathy for Ireland as none of them. All that you have, and all that you are, your thousand industries, your busy marts, your fertile fields, your commerce, your thousand comforts and happiness—all, all are arguments in Ireland's favor. Ireland has none of these. Shall I appeal to your self-interest, in your increased trade and commerce with a freedomed Ireland? Shall I speak of your own self-respect and self-preservation? They both require the disconnection of and the annihilation of England. Just enough. Let these and other simple motives that might be mentioned, inspire full, cordial, earnest sympathy for Ireland's cause in the heart of every American! Let the voice of Columbia, at the call of the Spirit of Liberty, let Erin cast off the chains that bind her, and go forth as went St. Peter at the voice of the angel, unhindered, disentangled. So shall we all witness the realization of the poet's wish that

"Once the Holiday to the Shamrock
Add the shank and roll of cannon,
O'er the sea,
Soon an anthem may be ringing,
Across words of freedom bringing
From a race, long trampled, singing
We are free!"

The resolutions were then adopted unanimously.

The next speaker was Hon. SAMUEL R. GARVIN, who said that in the limited space of time allotted to him he could make but few remarks. He assured his hearers that no other theme except Ireland and Irishmen would have brought him from his house that evening. When he promised a few days ago to address his fellow-citizens on the subject of English oppression and Irish suffering and wrong, he was impelled so to do by a desire that he had to enter his protest publicly, and loudly, and clearly against the oppression Ireland has suffered so many years. He spoke of the apathy of the Government at Washington in not protecting our citizens of foreign birth, and enforcing the Alabama claims, and enforcing closed by expressing a strong conviction that Ireland would yet be free.

Gen. O'NEIL next addressed the meeting, and was enthusiastically received and applauded. He made an eloquent appeal for the protection of his Irish fellow countrymen, and demanded the liberation by the American Government of Kings County. A lecture will be delivered by Gen. W. S. HILLTER, and a public entertainment by Major DE BARAY will follow.

CHARLES H. LUDLAM, of Macey, near Myrtle-avenue, was bitten by his dog about five weeks ago. On Saturday last he became sick, and his physician pronounced his illness to be hydrophobia. He died yesterday.

The Homeopathic Dispensary gratuitously treated 10,000 patients last year. It is $1,000 in debt, and an effort is now being made to obtain from the Legislature a law providing $2,000 per annum for its support from the City Treasury.

Hev. H. W. BEECHER, whose health was somewhat impaired by a severe cold, was in a good condition for preaching yesterday. He will be absent as usual in the course of a few days.

Non-Venue.

The organ factory of Messrs. PELOUBET, SELTON & Co., of Bloomfield, N. J., was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The dry-house, lumber, barn and tenons were saved, but all else was destroyed. The insurance will nearly cover the loss.

Since the disagreement of the jury in the trial of the FOLEY brothers, for conspiracy, &c., at Hudson City, the affair has become one of unusual interest to the citizens of Hudson County, who are indignant that justice cannot be done to the offenders. One of the jurymen has stated the fact that seven of the jury who stood originally in favor of acquittal were acquaintances of the prisoners, and that these seven men were violent, and even threatening, in their demand for acquittal. One of them is reported to have said to another juryman, who was in favor of conviction, that the life of the latter would not be safe in Hudson City if he refused to acquit the prisoners.

Another Murder Trial in Troy.

From the Troy Times, Feb. 15.

To-morrow District-Attorney BANKER proposes to move in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Judge HOGEBOOM presiding, the trial of MARTIN MALONEY for the murder of his son, THOS. MALONEY, by stabbing him on the 20th May last, from the effects of which he died on the 2d of June. The parties lived at the Iron Works, and appear to have had some difficulty in regard to money matters, THOMAS having agreed to contribute a certain amount of money monthly for the purpose of bringing over to this country from Ireland his mother, the wife of the prisoner. Failing to do so, the father called him from his house, and after a brief conversation attacked him with a knife and inflicted the wounds from which the son died. THOMAS left a wife and two children. The accused has been in jail since the death of the son on charge of murder in the first degree. Messrs. C. E. PATERSON and J. H. PECK have been assigned to defend him on his trial.

DEATH OF THE INFANT PIANIST.—The little blind musical prodigy, WILLIS COFFMAN, whose performances on the piano have excited the wonder of the many who have witnessed them, died in this city, at Ford's Hotel, Friday night, aged three years. He performed in Pittsburg Thursday evening, and seemed in his usual health, but was taken with convulsions on the train Friday while en route to Richmond, where he was to have given another exhibition of his wonderful gift. He was born in one of the counties near Norwalk City, and gave evidence of musical genius when not quite eighteen months old.—*Richmond Wing, Feb. 15.*

ACCIDENT TO A. H. STEPHENS.—We regret very much to learn that Hon. A. H. STEPHENS was very severely injured on Sunday last by a heavy gate falling on him. Mr. STEPHENS is very fragile when enjoying his best health, and an accident that would scarcely affect a robust man would be very painful to him. In this case, however, we hope his injuries are not really serious, but that he will soon be in the enjoyment of his usual health.—*Atlanta (Ga.) New Era, Feb. 11.*

Boston papers report that the preparations for the National Musical Festival in that city are being pushed forward with great energy, and that thousands of dollars are pouring into the treasury. Able men have been appointed to look after the organization and details of each department, and several societies in different sections of the country have already volunteered their services.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15—11 A. M.

Consols open at 93¾ for both money and the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds firm at 79½. Stocks quiet. Erie, 25¾; Illinois, 96¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 37.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Feb. 15—11 A. M.

COTTON—The market opens dull at the following quotations: Middling Uplands, 12¼@12¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d.@12½d. The sales of the day will not exceed 8,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 11s. 3d. ⅌ cental for California White, and 9s. 10d. for No. 2 Red Western.

PROVISIONS—Pork, 97s. ⅌ bbl. for Eastern Prime Mess.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

Linseed Oil, £30 @£31 5s. ⅌ ton.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15—1 P. M.

Consols, 93 for money, and 93¼ for account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 79¾. Stocks steady. Illinois Central, 92¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 36.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Feb. 15—11 A. M.

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BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 11s. 3d. ⅌ cental for California White, and 9s. 10d. for No. 2 Red Western.

PROVISIONS—Beef, 90s. ⅌ tierce of 304 lbs. for extra Prime Mess.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

Calcutta Linseed, 58s. 6d.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15—4 30 P. M.

Consols close at 93¾ for both money and the account. United States Five-Twenties, 79¾, and Stocks quiet. Erie, 25; Illinois, 97¼; Atlantic and Great Western, 37.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, Feb. 15—5 30 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed dull at a slight decline in prices. Middling Uplands, 12¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12¼d. The sales of the day have been 8,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Corn, 38s. ⅌ quarter for Old Mixed Western, and 34s. 3d. for New.

PRODUCE—Refined Petroleum, 1s. 1d. ⅌ gallon.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 15.

Linseed Oil, £30 ⅌ ton. Calcutta Linseed, 58s. 6d. Sugar active, both on the spot and afloat; No. 12 Dutch Standard, on the spot, 38s. 9d. ⅌ cwt.; afloat, 38s. 6d. ⅌ cwt.

Market closed flat for both Cotton on spot and afloat; Low Middlings, to arrive, 14d.

ANTWERP, Monday, Feb. 15.

Petroleum closed quiet and unchanged.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Monday, Feb. 15.

EXCHANGES on New-York weak, and rates unchanged. FLOUR firmer, good to choice in better demand. Low Wines dull and nearly lower. Spring Wheat is 2¢@3¢c. WHEAT quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 30; No. 2 at $1 16¼. CORN active, and advanced ¼@¾c.; no grade, 85c. Sales. OATS dull, 38¾ asked, no buyers. RYE closed quiet at $1 19 for strictly fresh No. 1. BARLEY dull and nominal at 90@91 for No. 2. WHISKEY dull at 88c. PROVISIONS dull but firmer. Mess PORK nominally 30@32 40 for cash; $30 buyer March. LARD advanced ¼c. Bulk Meats are nominally firmer. Hogs active and higher; sales about 400 head, at $3 60@$3 70 ⅌ lbs. the outside for choice extra. Sheep are held firmly at last week's prices; receipts thus far are light.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Feb. 15.

Beef Cattle dull and higher; sales 1,600 head at 10¼c. Cows steady; Pennsylvania and Western Steers, 12c. for Choice; 9@10c. for Fair to Good; 8c. 9c. ⅌ lb. gross for Common. Sheep in demand at full prices; sales 4,000 head at 8½c. 9c. ⅌ lb. gross. Hogs $1 higher; sales 5,000 head at $10@$10 10 ⅌ cwt. net.

BALTIMORE, Monday, Feb. 15.

COTTON quiet; Middling Upland, 29½c. FLOUR quiet and steady at previous quotations. WHEAT firm; sales of Prime Valley Red at $2 20@$2 30. CORN dull and nominal. WHISKY steady at 88c. PROVISIONS neglected and in no demand; no quotations can be obtained. Pork nominally $32 50. Bulk Meats—Clear Sides, 12½c.@13c.; Shoulders, 14½c. Dressed Hogs, $10@$10 50.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Monday, Feb. 15.

Spirits TURPENTINE, downward tendency; quoted at 52c. ROSIN quiet at $1 70@$3 50. Crude TURPENTINE declined 10c.@20c. TAR unchanged. COTTON dull; nothing doing.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Monday, Feb. 15.

COTTON quiet and unchanged; sales 239 bales. Middlings at 27½c.; receipts 820 bales.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Monday, Feb. 15.

COTTON dull and nominal; Middlings, 26½c.; sales 400 bales; exports 2,532 bales; receipts 2,225 bales.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Monday, Feb. 15.

COTTON dull and nominal; no sales and quotations cannot be given. Receipts, 68 bales.

MOBILE, Monday, Feb. 15.

COTTON dull, prices nominal; no sales. Receipts, 1,594 bales; exports, 8,126 bales.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Feb. 15.

FLOUR, $4 75@$5 75. WHEAT, $1 75. Legal tenders, 74¾.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Feb. 15.

Stocks irregular; Pennsylvania State Fives, 99¾; Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, 21; Reading Railroad, 46¾; Pennsylvania Railroad, 57¼; Gold, 135¾.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FROM EUROPE.

Bremen	Jan. 30	Bremen	New-York.

FOR EUROPE.

Westphalia	Feb. 16	New-York	Hamburg.
China	Feb. 17	New-York	Liverpool.
Minnesota	Feb. 17	New-York	Liverpool.
Siberia	Feb. 18	New-York	Liverpool.
Baltic	Feb. 20	New-York	Bremen.
City of New-York	Feb. 20	New-York	Liverpool.
England	Feb. 27	New-York	Liverpool.
St. Laurent	Feb. 28	New-York	Havre.

FOR ASPINWALL, HAVANA, &c.

Rising Star	Feb. 16	New-York	Aspinwall.
Eagle	Feb. 20	New-York	Havana.
City of Mexico	Feb. 25	New-York	Vera Cruz.

Departure of Foreign Mails.

TUESDAY.

Mails for North Pacific, Central America, &c., by the *Rising Star*, close at the General Post Office at 10:30 A. M.

Mails for Europe, *via* Southampton and Hamburg, by the *Westphalia*, close at 12 M. Supplementary mail for paid letters on pier foot of Third-street, Hoboken, to 1:45 P. M.

Closing of Domestic Mails.

North, Poughkeepsie Way	5 A. M.; 4 P. M.
North, through *via* H. R. R. R. and New-York City	5 A. M.; 4, 9:15 P. M.
North W., *via* Harlem R. R.	5 A. M.
Chatham Four Corners	5 A. M.
East, *via* New-Haven	5 A. M.; 1:30, 6 P. M.
East, *via* Newport	4 P. M.
East, New-Haven Way	5 A. M.; 2:30 P. M.
East, Fall River, rail	6 P. M.
South, Through	5 A. M.; 7:30 P. M.
Philadelphia Way	5 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Joseph, Salt Lake and Denver	7 A. M.; 4:30 P. M.
West Mail, through to Cleveland, Toledo, and by A. & G. W. Western R. R. to Franklin and Meadville, Penn., &c.	5 A. M.; 4 P. M.

Weather Report.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Feb. 15—9 A. M.

Place.				Mer.
Plaister Cove	N	W	Cloudy	16
Portland	N	E	Snowing	24
Boston	N	E	Raining	32
New-York	N	W	Raining	36
Philadelphia	N	W	Raining	37
Wilmington	N	E	Raining	34
Washington	N	W	Clear	38
Fort Monroe	S	W	Clear	40
Richmond	N	W	Cloudy	38
Augusta	W	W	Clear	42
Charleston	W	W	Cloudy	48
Savannah	—	—	Foggy	48
Pittsburg	—	—	Cloudy	32
Chicago	N. W.	—	Cloudy	32
New-Orleans	N	—	Clear	56
Key West	—	—	Foggy	74
Havana	—	—	Clear	74

Passengers Arrived.

PER 15—*In steamship Etna, from Liverpool*—Joseph D. Grant, lady and child; Leonce Demetz, J. W. Watt, A. P. Percival, A. T. Mons, Theodore Armard, Charles H. Harvey, Alex. Stephens, and 32 in steerage.

In steamship Henry Livingston, from Savannah—Mrs. F. Dessau, Miss Carrie Howe, Miss Rose Keegan, Charles P. Felton, Jas. J. Lauderer, J. Lindsay, Geo. M. Williams, Jas. Hanson, M. H. Branson, J. G. Colson, Jas. Bell, E. Mabb, Charles Mogg, A. Walters, Geo. Smith, J. Reed, J. Perry, D. G. Murphy, Wm. Dozier.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	6 52	Sun sets	5 20
Moon sets	10 20	HIGH WATER—THIS WATER.	
Sandy Hook	10 58	Gov. Island	11 47
Hell Gate	1 00		

NEWS PACKAGES FOR THE PRESS.

Captains and pursers of vessels arriving at this port are requested to deliver packages addressed to the New-York Associated Press only to parties exhibiting the written authority of J. W. Simonton, General Agent.

News packages for the *Journal of Commerce, Times, Tribune, World, Sun, Express, Evening Post, Commercial Advertiser, Staats Zeitung, New-Yorker Journal* and *New-Yorker Demokrat*, should also be delivered only to the same parties.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....MONDAY, Feb. 15.

Cleared.

Steamships Westphalia (N. G.), Trautmann, Hamburg, Knoff & Co.; Minnesota, Lewis, Baltimore, W. Daboll; Franconia, Sherwood, Portland, J. P. Ansel.

Barks Hattie G. Hall, Fish, Arles and Cette, Fabbri & Co.; M. W. Brett, Thurlow, Cardenas, Brett, Son & Co.

Brigs Alexandre, (Russ.) Svensson, Copenhagen for orders, Funch, Meincke & Co.; Johanna, McCarthy, Cork, J. Ward.

Schooners N. Price, Blanchard, Manzanilla, J. H. Winchester; G. C. Warren, Smith, St. Kitts and a market, R. J. Wenberg; Commerce, Evans, St. Martin's and a market, R. J. Wenberg; Frank Jameson, Jameson, Porto Rico for orders, R. J. Wenberg; Florence Rogers, Rogers, Havana, J. H. Winchester.

Arrived.

Steamship Brunswick, (N. G.,) Lent, Bremen Jan. 30, via Southampton Feb. 2, with mdse. and 186 passengers (and $20,000 in specie from England.) to Oelrichs & Co. Experienced westerly gales and heavy head sea all the passage.

Steamship Etna, (Br.) Brigham, Liverpool Jan. 2, Queenstown Feb. 1, and Halifax 13th, with mdse. and passengers to Jas. G. Dale. Had strong westerly winds the entire passage. Feb. 5 lat 42 N, lon. 42 W, passed an iceberg. The E. arrived at Sandy Hook at 830 A. M. and was detained outside by fog.

Steamship Herman Livingston, (Ottoman, Savannah Jan. 31, with mdse. and passengers to Livingston, Fox & Co. Feb. 12, off Cape Lookout, at 10½ A. M., passed steamship Geo. Barnes, hence for Savannah. 13th, at noon, left 35 N., signalized steamships De Soto, Manhattan and San Salvador, bound S.

Steamship John Gibson, Winters, Washington and Alexandria, with mdse. and passengers to Phillips & Brown.

Steamship Virginia, Drew, Washington and Alexandria, with mdse. and passengers to Jas. Hand.

Steamship Fairbanks, Hunter, Wilmington, N. C., with mdse. to Jas. Hand.

Bark Fletcher, Parker, Pensacola 20 ds., with lumber to Yates & Porterfield. Had westerly winds most of the passage. Feb. 13, in the Gulf Stream, saw large quantities of drift lumber, &c.

Bark S. W. Holbrook, Pollard, Matanzas 12 ds., with molasses to Brett, Son & Co. Feb. 14, at 5 P. M., went ashore on the Jersey flats near Raynort; lost one anchor; got off on the morning of the 15th, without damage.

Brig J. R. R., (of Blair River, N. S.,) Lent, Demerara 21 ds., with sugar and molasses to Henry & Parkes.

Schr. John Curtin, Williams, from Squan Beach, having part of carvel of brig Conte Rico.

Schr. Wilde (Br.), McKinney, Fortune Bay 12 ds., with fish to Joseph Wesley.

Schr. Col. Cook, (Br.,) Reaves, Fortune Bay 12 ds., with fish to Joseph Wesley.

Schr. Willie Dill, Rogers, Beaufort 9 ds., with naval stores to Thomas S. Holmes.

Schr. Isaac Anderson, Doyle, Elizabethport, for Stamford.

Schr. Betsy Ballard, Tripoli, Elizabethport, for Boston.

Schr. Boston Belle, Boston, New-Haven.

Schr. Rescue, Rescue, Providence.

Schr. Lucy E. Crouse, Hagadorn, Providence.

Schr. Gen. Scott, Fitzgerald, Providence.

Schr. Mary E. Pike, —, Providence, for New-Haven.

Schr. Lizzie Hall, Hall, Jacksonville.

Schr. Lois Robinson, Malone, Providence.

WIND—Afternoon, N.-W.

By Telegraph.

BOSTON, Feb. 15—Arr. steamer Glasgow, from New-York; ship Lydia Smith, from New-Orleans; barks M. S. Stetson, from Gladstone; brig Mary Ann, from Cadiz.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14—Arr. ship Silliver, from Liverpool.

Sld. bark Nerlod, for Liverpool.

Feb. 15—The steamer Montana, from Panama, arrived yesterday.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 14—Arr. yesterday, steamer W. P. Clyde, from New-York.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 15—Arr. steamer Geo. Barnes and Thomas, from New-York; bark Forest Queen, from Gibraltar. Cld. ship Chas. Chalmers, for Liverpool; schr. J. H. Stickney, for Wilmington.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 15—Sld. the brig Baltimore, for Cardenas; schr. Albert Thomas, for Philadelphia; schrs. J. W. Maitland, for New-York; Joseph Allen, for Savannah, and Josiah Whitehouse, for New-York.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 15—Northeaster prevented its for Baltimore, from Fernandina; Steele from Cardiff, James A. Brown from Havanna, and Amelia Ireland from Charleston; ships Lucille from Charleston for Norfolk, and Schr. Lucy for Richmond.

Passed out—Schr. Ocean Traveler for Porto Rico.

Miscellaneous.

RETURNED—Steamship Port-au-Prince, Jackson, hence Feb. 12 for Port-au-Prince, returned in consequence of boiler leaking; will sail on the 16th.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 12—The ship Arcadian, of Kennebunk, from Havre for New-Orleans, ran on Tortugas Reef, on the 5th inst., and was assisted off on the 10th. It is reported that she is going to Havana for repairs.

Foreign Ports.

At Demerara, Jan. 29, brigs Hattie Eaton and Valiant, for New-York in 4 days.

EUROPEAN MARINE NEWS.

Arrivals Out.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 15—The Liverpool and Great Western Steam Company's steamship Manhattan, Capt. Forsyth, which left New-York Feb. 4, arrived here to-day, on the way to Liverpool.

The Cunard steamship Palmyra, from New-York, arrived at this port at 7 o'clock to-day.

GLASGOW, Feb. 15—The Anchor Line steamship Britannia, from New-York, arrived at Moville day before yesterday.

Marine Disaster.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15—The cargo of the ship Persian, from Savannah for Bremen, previously reported stranded near Nordeney, will probably be saved.

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